

Who's Who in the 26th Division

Captain Henry D. Comerais of the 101st Infantry, acting aide to Major-General Edwards at the Department of the Northeast, was born in Brookline thirty-nine years ago. He enlisted in Company B, Fifth Infantry, M. V. M., November 10, 1896, and remained with the regiment until March 19, 1910, acquiring various grades up to battalion adjutant. On the last named date he enlisted as private in Company H of the same regiment.

On March 15, 1915, he was elected captain of Company C of the Fifth Infantry, M. V. M., of Newton. He reorganized the company and commanded it during the Mexican border trouble in 1916. He went to France as adjutant of the 1st Battalion. On arrival in France he was sent to Neufchateau in charge of the billeting party of the 101st Infantry. He served as town major of Neufchateau and zone major and liaison officer of the 26th Division until July 1, 1917, when, at his request, he was transferred back to the 101st Infantry.

He commanded the headquarters company in the Chemin de Dames and Toul sectors until June 16, 1918, when he was wounded in seven places by high explosive during a conference with Colonel Logan, losing half his right hand.

Captain Comerais is married



CAPTAIN HENRY D. COMERAIS
and lives at No. 72 Gardner
street, Allston.





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DE TRAMWAYS
DE PARIS 1880

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Interesting letter from Captain Henry D. Cormerais of Co. C., 5th Regiment of Newton youths on the Mexican border. A big storm left rain water knee deep in the company street. Money sent from Newton in the amount of \$500 was used to buy lumber for tent floors. Company C has best company street in brigade. Expect regimental maneuvers next month. No information as to when company will return home, though many rumors, no general exodus expected before November.

25 YEARS AGO

Mar 14-1941

Newton Graphic, March 10, 1916

Governor Samuel W. McCall and Lieut. Governor Calvin Coolidge were the guests of honor last Friday night at a military ball in the State Armory, West Newton. The affair was a complete social success and nearly 1000 of our best citizens were present to pay their respect to his Ex-

cellency, the Governor. Gov. McCall and Lieut. Gov. Coolidge were assisted in receiving by Captain Henry D. Comerais of Company C 5th Regiment, and Mayor Edwin O. Childs. The receiving party stood in an arbor formed by a trellis and backed by palms and potted plants. The handsomely gowned patronesses were seated in a reserved space at the left of the receiving party, while the guests were ushered around the hall. Members of Company C were greeted with hearty applause as they filed past the receiving party, and the cheering was led by Mr. Louis D. Gibbs. The success of the affair was due to the untiring efforts of William F. Garcelon, who several months ago agreed to assist Captain Comerais in staging the military ball.

RECEPTION

TENDERED TO

CAPTAIN HENRY D. CORMERAIS

WEST NEWTON ARMORY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1918, AT 8 P.M.

RESERVED SEAT



Form 76

Medical Department, U. S. A.
[Revised May 24, 1910]

**PROPERTY TAG
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TO BE ATTACHED
TO THE
PROPERTY**

Form 76

Medical Department, U. S. A.
[Revised May 24, 1910]

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AND GIVEN TO
THE PATIENT**

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FINE RECEPTION

Over 2000 Greet Capt. Henry D. Cormerais at the State Armory

Over two thousand people were present last evening at the State Armory in West Newton to honor Captain Henry D. Cormerais the former commander of Company C, Fifth Regiment, who has lately returned from service in France.

The affair was arranged by the Newton Committee on Public Safety and clearly indicated that the people of Newton have a deep and abiding interest in the boys from this city across the seas.

The Constabulary band furnished popular music as the people were assembling and the community singing thruout the evening was in charge of Mr. Alfred Hallam, musical director of the War Community Camp service.

General James G. White was the first speaker and in a few eloquent words presented Mr. William F. Garcelon, president of the Newton Committee on Public Safety as the chairman of the evening.

Mr. Garcelon made a brief statement of the work of the Public Safety Committee saying that he had been told many times by others that the Newton Committee was the best of its kind in the state. He mentioned a few branches of the work, saying that the community was proud of the Newton Constabulary which he believed should be kept alive as a social-semi military body ready for any work which

might be needed. The Co-ordination of Aid committee he said had seen to it that every Newton boy had received a sweater and other comforts before he left the city. The Food Production Committee had done splendid work and would continue to encourage the production and conservation of food. The records also were being prepared of every Newton man in the service and would be later filed at City Hall for future reference.

Mayor Childs was greeted with enthusiasm and spoke eloquently of the gain we had made in this war in unity of spirit and the elimination of snobishness and bigotry. He said that our boys have been fighting for principles over there and we must practise those same principles in our daily lives in order to preserve that for which they have fought.

Congressman Robert Luce was proud that we were the deciding factor that turned the scale for victory and among the reasons for which we should rejoice he mentioned our freedom to use the blessings that God has given us, our right to be happy and prosperous, the breaking down of class distinctions so that there was no longer Catholic and Protestant, Jew or Gentile, but one designation, "American." We had also fought a fight for others, not for ourselves. We

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can only pay the debt we owe these brave boys by enlisting in the army for humanity and to work for a purer, better world.

Captain Cormerais was greeted with cheer after cheer followed by loud applause. He gave an interesting talk, chiefly telling what Company C boys had done since they left the city. He, personally, had not been in command of the Company since it was combined with Co. C of the old ninth regiment and had become Co. C of the 101st Regiment, but he had been attached to the headquarters of that regiment and had many opportunities to keep in touch with the men. As he mentioned the name of this, that or the other man, it was greeted with applause. Capt. Cormerais said that C Company was made up of just ordinary boys and on the way over they were terribly afraid the war would cease before they arrived. He told of the incidents on the transport when every man wore a life belt and speculated on whether they would take a chance on a life raft or the boat in case of attack. They had a splendid reception in France and had plenty of hard work while in training. When they arrived at the front trenches, 7 men out of the 13 selected from volunteers for the first raid in No Man's land were from C Co. Keefe he said was the wild Indian of the Company, but was already ready to go into No Man's land and complained when he was not allowed to do so.

He told of the capture of Holtz, Doherty, and Muldoon, and how glad he was to read recently that they had arrived in France from a German prison. He described how the boys were "de-loused" and the process of "weeding the shirt." Lieut. Edmunds, who had been transferred to Co. E of the 102nd regiment, he said, was a brave soldier, out in front all the time just a little bit ahead of everyone else, and had fully earned his recent promotion. One interesting comment on the lack of bigotry was mentioned when he told how Chaplain Rollins, frequently acted as altar boy for Father O'Connor at Sunday morning mass of the regiment and predicted that we would hear some wonderful tales of these two chaplains when the boys returned. The company, he said, had been greatly scattered, some to this company, some to that and we would now find them all over France. But he felt sure that C Company's luck as he termed it had followed them all. He felt proud indeed of these men and only wished they could all be right in the Armory with him at the present moment.

Members of the State Guard acted as ushers and a detail was lined up at the entrance as the people entered.

The evening closed with the singing of the Star Spangled Banner.



The Mount Vernon entering harbor.

BURIAL OF AN AMERICAN SOLDIER BEHIND THE FRONT IN FRANCE



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Members of the Old 5th and 9th, Now the 101st Regiment, Attended the Burial of Their Comrade, Priv. Robert H. Bayard, Jr., the First Dedham Man to Give Service. He Was the Son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bayard of 24 Pale Street, Dedham. His Brother Donald Is an Artillery Man in the Regular Line. Harold C. Searle, a Brother-in-Law, Is Chief Electrician in the United States Naval Reserves. The Burial Took Place in the Morning in a Field Grave by Chaplains Michael J. O'Connor and Lyman D. Rollins. Members of B Company of the Old 5th Regiment Acted as Body Bearers.

AGAIN WITH COMPANY C

The many friends of Captain Cormerais and of the Newton boys overseas will be glad to learn that the captain is once more with his old command, C Company, of the 101st Regiment. Although not in command of the company, which was consolidated with a company of the former 9th Regiment before leaving Framingham, the captain resumes his affiliation with the regiment after acting in another important capacity for several months past.



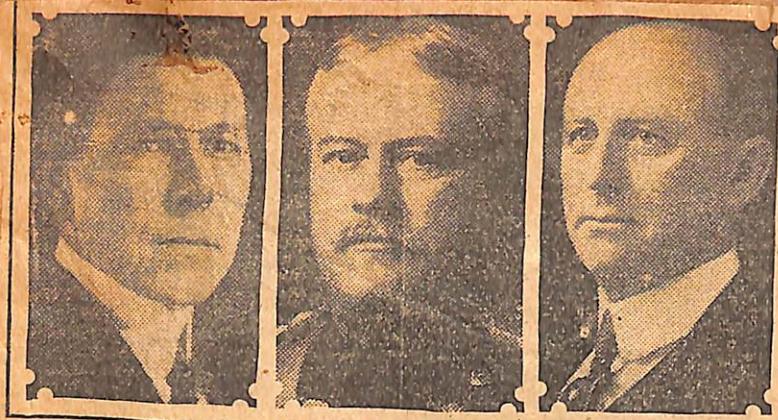


Chaplain Rollins administering baptism to Americans near the front, February, 1918.

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Public baptism by Rollins & Fr O'Connor
LE MIROIR *l'ami du Régiment*

BAPTÈME DE SOLDATS AMÉRICAINS PARTANT AU FEU





Louis D. Gibbs.

Maj.-Gen. J. G. White.

William Garcelon.

GOV. M'CALL TO BE NEWTON GUEST AT MILITARY BALL

Occasion Will Also Be Testimonial to Company C of the Fifth Regiment.

The most brilliant social event in the history of Newton will be the military ball in the State Armory on Washington street, West Newton, Friday evening, March 3. The event will have a two-fold purpose, a reception in honor of Gov. McCall and a testimonial by the citizens of Newton to the work of company C, 5th regiment.

Company C was formerly the famous Claffin Guards of Newton and numbers in its membership many prominent citizens of Newton. The committee has received acceptances from Gov. McCall, Lieut.-Gov. Coolidge, Adj't.-Gen. Cole and the Governor's staff. With these guests, in the receiving line, will also be Mayor Childs of Newton and Henry D. Cormerais, captain of the company.

Officers of the state militia and the regular army officers stationed in Massachusetts are to attend in full military dress uniform. Maj.-Gen. James G. White is to be master of ceremonies and will have full charge of the reception, assisted by a committee. Prominent citizens who are actively co-operating to make this a most notable affair are: William F. Garcelon, Louis D. Gibbs, Lieut.-Col. Joseph W. Bartlett, Lieut. Payson T. Lowell, Frank W. Stearns, Howard Emerson, Alfred H. Wing, Thomas Weston, Jr., Morton E. Cobb.

Harry L. Ayer and Edward M. Richards.

Cadet Band to Play.

The 1st corps Cadet band will play during the reception and for the dancing, which will last till 1 o'clock. Among the military bodies which will appear in full dress uniform are the 1st corps Cadets, the 2nd corps Cadets, the Lancers and the Ancients. A feature of the decorations will be a large American flag made of red, white and blue lights, extending across the armory. By an electrical arrangement, this flag will "wave" during the evening.

Preceding the ball, many of the prominent society women of Newton will be hostesses at dinners, which the distinguished guests of the evening will attend.

Prominent Men to Usher.

The ushers will be:

Chief usher, Col. Morton E. Cobb; Harry L. Ayer, Frederick H. Baird, Maj. Frederick P. Barnes, Maj. Joseph W. Bartlett, Augustus T. Beatty, Col. George H. Benyon, Capt. Philip B., Bruce, Augustus T. Clark, George M. Cox, George W. Crampton, Frederic F. Cutler, Francis W. Dana, Ripley L. Dana, Capt. George F. Daniels, Lieut. Curtis Delano, L. S. Dillingham, Jr., Howard Emerson, William M. Flanders, Louis D. Gibbs, Capt. Edward O. Gruener, Edward M. Hallett, Henry C. Howell, Allen Hubbard, Henry W. Jarvis, Lieut. Gardner I. Jones, Frank F. Lamson, Fred H. Loveland, Capt. Payson T. Lowell, William B. Merrill, George L. Parker, F. N. Pierce, George W. Pratt, Harry D. Priest, Waldron H. Rand, Jr., William H. Rice, Edwin M. Richards, Col. Walter L. Sanborn, Frank P. Scofield, Charles L. Smith, Ernest R. Springer, Edward B. Stratton, George Walker, Prescott Warren, Dr. George L. West, Thomas Weston, Jr., Lieut. John E. Whittlesey and Alfred H. Wing.

Claffin Guards Ready to Leave at 8 This Morning

Assembled by fire alarm signals and telephone calls, company C of the 5th regiment, the Claffin Guards, was ready to move before 8 o'clock this morning. The men gathered at their armory in West Newton, where Capt. H. D. Cormerais and Lieuts. John P. Tierney and Kirk B. Everson had been on duty since daylight. Four former members of the company enlisted, making the complement 65 men.

The Associated Women's Clubs of Newton, which has been conducting a dental clinic for children, sent Dr. H. A. Marshall to the armory to examine the soldiers' teeth and to see if any needed immediate work. While the men waited for orders to move they had their teeth examined. Mayor Childs was early at the armory, shaking hands with the officers and men and wishing them good luck.

Lieut. Cormerais enlisted first in company B, 5th infantry, Nov. 11, 1896, and served as private, corporal and was commissioned staff as regimental non-commissioned officer as regimental quartermaster-sergeant. He is an enthusiastic military worker and gives promise of making a fine officer.



CAPTAIN H. D. CORMERAIS

A tribute of respect and regard is due to Captain Harry D. Cormerais from Newton people. Coming from Brookline as a stranger to Company C he found an organization demoralized and inefficient. There was little interest in it either inside or outside of military circles.

At a great sacrifice of time and business he worked with great energy and persistence to arouse the company spirit and to make the company a credit to Newton and to the honored name of Claffin Guards by which they were popularly known.

The success attending his efforts was greater than anyone dared to hope for. Inefficient men were retired. Discipline was maintained. The co-operation of citizens was secured. City and company pride was developed.

Military efficiency was encouraged and acquired.

In short the company moved to the first rank among all the companies in the state. This result did not come easily but after many discouraging hours and setbacks.

The company went to the Mexican border and came back—a credit to the fair city of Newton.

When, a month or so ago, the roll was increased from 100 to 150, the new men were selected with care and discrimination. Newton was proud of Company C and of Captain Cormerais when they left the city for national service.

It was a severe blow to the Captain when the exigencies of war compelled the division of his command.

Newton people were sorely disappointed. Like a good soldier, the captain uncomplainingly goes about the work before him.

He carries with him the gratitude of Newton citizens the admiration of those who recognize ability and efficiency and the heartiest good wishes of everyone who knows him or who has marked his great success in Newton.

May his abilities and sterling character win him early recognition and deserved promotion!

NEWTON BIDS SOLDIER BOYS GOODBY

City in Gala Attire and Crowds Line Streets to See Parade of Co C, 5th Regiment, Which Answers Mobilization Call to Quincy Next Week





COL LOGAN'S MESS AT BERNECOURT

Left to Right—Capt Limentour (Standing), Gen Charles H. Cole, Lieut Arthur Desmond, Lieut Place, Unknown, Lieut Buckminster, Major Harry C. Martin, Rev J. M. O'Connor, Two Seated and Two Standing Unknown, Capt Cormerais, Capt C. E. Stanchfield, Gen Sherburne, Unknown, Col E. L. Logan
(Photo By Frank P. Sibley.)



Claflin Guard Reduced to Skeleton Outfit Through Loss of Capt. Cormerais, Lieuts. Barrows and Edmunds and Thirty-Four Men.

With the transfer on Tuesday of this week, of Captain H. D. Cormerais of Company C, together with Lieutenants Barrows and Edmunds and 34 men of the same company, Newton's military company, the Claflin Guard, has every appearance of having been "shot to pieces" through its amalgamation with other companies of the Fifth Regiment to help form the "fifty-ninth," or more officially designated as the One Hundred and First Regiment, U. S. A. Even the company's mascot, a sturdy goat,

ment.

Captain Cormerais and Lieutenants Barrows and Edmunds, while transferred to the 101st have not yet been assigned to any particular company of that regiment, it being very probable that the Captain's assignment will be to another company than C.

Hundreds of Newton people visited the boys in both camps at Framingham, last Sunday, when good-bys were said as it was expected that the stay of the regiment at Framingham was only a matter of a few days. But the day and hour that the men will leave that town for "some-where" is still conjecture. A few may know, but these few, for military reasons, keep the facts secret.

Cook Thomas Hickey has been assigned to brigade headquarters where he will have opportunity to tickle the palates of the brigade's most fastidious officers with his culinary art. Cook Frank S. Farrell, long in the company's service and who knows to a nicety what the C Company boys want to put them in fighting trim, has applied for his discharge from service, much to the regret of his company mates.

In a letter to The Times from company headquarters at Camp Darling which was received too late for publication in last week's issue, the writer says:

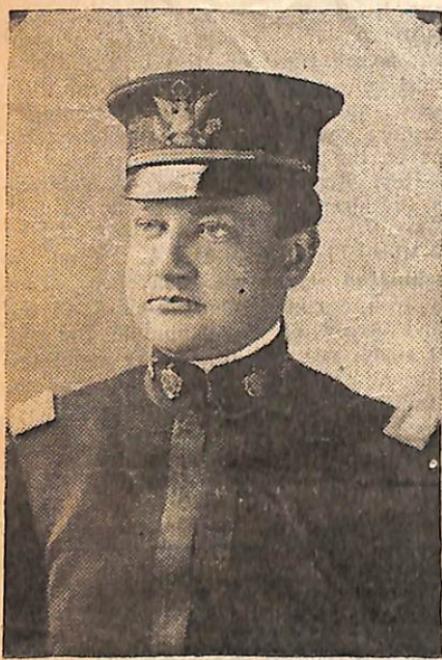
Aug. 25, 1917.

To the Editor:

C. Company has passed through its first experience of the war by transferring one hundred men to C. Company, 101st U. S. Inf., formerly the ninth Mass. Inf.

While it was to be expected that officers would be switched from their commands it was hardly possible that such a movement as has taken place would happen. While it was a great shock to the men who had to go, it was probably a greater shock to the company commander, Captain H. D. Cormerais, who was obliged, in accordance with orders, to break up his company and send his men to another organization.

When the news became official it was a pretty blue camp. Officers were unable to restrain their feelings. Tuesday morning it became bluer. C Company responded cheerfully. No man regardless of how he felt, left the company street until the company was formed at 2.30, at which time 100 men, selected, escorted by the



CAPT. H. D. CORMERAIS
Transferred to 101st Regt.

has gone, but not to the 101st, for it was sent home before it, too, was annexed. The remaining members say that while figuratively speaking others may "get their goat," in a more literal sense this will never be true.

With Tuesday's transfer in addition to the transfer of 100 men of the Company a week ago, but a mere handful of Company C remains today at Camp Darling and all plans as to the future of the skeletonized Fifth remain up in the air so far as anything definite is known by its members.

The 34 men transferred on Tuesday joined their former company mates of the Fifth as Company C of the 101st Regiment which now numbers 250 men to conform with the company strength maintained by European forces. Members of other companies of the Fifth joining the 101st are also affiliated with companies of the same letter as was their designation in the former regi-

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ROBERT J. GRAHAM

**CAPT CORMERAIS REACHES
HIS HOME IN NEWTON**

NEWTON, Dec 9—Capt Henry D. Cormerais, who has just returned from overseas duty where he was wounded several times, will be the speaker at the



CAPT HENRY D. CORMERAIS.

Women's Auxiliary of Co C meeting, tonight in the West Newton Armory.

FOR STAFF JOB

Capt. Henry D. Cormerais, 101st infantry, who has returned from France with a severe wound in his hand and arm, is said to be slated for a position on the staff of the commander of the northeastern department. The drill club formed by the Ancients recently is being instructed by Capt. Cormerais, and the members are enthusiastic over his methods.

**CAPT CORMERAIS REPORTS AT
NORTHEAST DEPARTMENT**

Capt. H. P. Cormerais, 101st Infantry, reported this morning at Northeastern Department offices for assignment to duty with the department.

Gen. Edwards, whose leave of absence will not expire until tomorrow, and consequently had today to rest after his strenuous Western and New Haven days, talked with Capt. Cormerais over the phone and congratulated him.

To callers at his home, 63 Commonwealth av, Gen. Edwards told of the remarkable manner in which Capt. Cormerais was wounded, losing two fingers and more than half of his right hand. Gen. Edwards, Capt. Cormerais and six others were in Col. Logan's quarters at Bernecourt, when a shell tore through. Capt. Cormerais alone was injured, although the entire party was closely grouped about a table consulting maps.

In addition to the injury to his hand Capt. Cormerais was badly wounded in the right arm. He is a Brookline man, and commanded the Newton company of the old 6th Massachusetts Regiment when it was merged into the 101st, and he went overseas with it.

HUB EAGER TO BILLET MEN OF Y. D. DIVISION

The proposal to billet members of the 26th division in homes of Greater Boston during a two or three days' stay here is meeting with such ready response that all uncertainty on the question of taking care of the troops has vanished. From all sections come assurances of the opening of homes to groups of men numbering from two to 30, and at the rate such offers are being received it is estimated that there will be ample accommodations for all of the "Y. D."

This was made clear by Maj.-Gen. Clarence D. Edwards, who returned yesterday from Concord, N. H., where he addressed the New Hampshire Manufacturers' Association on the work of the 26th division overseas.

The general made it clear that he would be glad to take charge of the situation here, if the war department should so direct. He said that Capt. H. P. Cormerais of the 101st infantry headquarters troop, who is now on duty on Gen. Edwards's staff at the local headquarters, was the chief billeting officer of the 26th division in France. He believed that if the plan was adopted, the arrangements to billet the men could be made by Capt. Cormerais within 24 hours.

So far as the billeting was concerned, Gen. Edwards said, it would be a purely volunteer plan if it should be adopted, and it probably would be directed by the general committee. The men could be fed at the armories, where cooking facilities are provided, and he believed that ample rooming facilities would be provided by patriotic citizens.

Dr. Lester L. Powell of Saco, Me., who was the senior surgeon of the 101st machine gun battalion, 26th division, was a caller on Gen. Edwards yesterday. Capt. Powell is just recovering from a gassing north of Verdun. He expects to be mustered out soon and will resume his practice at Saco.

Gen. Edwards received word from Gov. Beeckman of Rhode Island yesterday that the Governor had decided to go to Washington to discuss with of-

ficials matters connected with the treatment of the officers and men of the 26th division, and to offer a protest against any other division coming home for a welcome before the 26th. It was the first division to go across, the first to fight, was in constant action and should be the first to be ordered home, he declared.

WHEN THE 26TH DIVISION COMES
to Boston the man who will have charge of arranging the billets is Capt. H. D. Cormerais of Gen. Edwards's staff in the headquarters of the northeastern



Capt. Cormerais preparing for the Y. D. department. For several weeks the genial captain has been studying out the details of the plan to utilize armories and public buildings as central barracks for the "Y. D." boys when they come to parade in the Hub.

GEN EDWARDS BACK AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS

Pleased With Warmth of Worcester Reception

Gen Clarence R. Edwards dresume duties at Army Headquarters this morning, enthused and inspired by the warmth of the greeting and reception given him yesterday at Worcester.

The cherished "YD" monogram of the famed Yankee Division, which he had so proudly worn up to this week, is still missing from his left shoulder. Capts. Comerais of the 101st Infantry and Cappelle of the 101st Engineer and Field Clerk Patraw, who were through the fighting abroad with him and are now on his local staff, all had the significant little blue monogram resewed on their uniforms.

Gen Edwards interpreted the latest order on the subject as permitting all but the Regular Army officers and men wearing them in this country; hence he is barred from putting on the badge he has been so fond of.

Gen Edwards' hands were all swollen from the handshaking yesterday. He could hardly hold a pen to sign his name.

Capt Comerais was today delegated to receive mothers, sisters, sweethearts and friends of boys of the old command who are seeking information regarding them, or news as to their deaths or wounds. Those demands on the General's time have threatened to monopolize it and exclude all opportunity to transact any other business. Some cases he will continue to see in person, but Capt Comerais, who was with the headquarters of the 101st Infantry and the chief billeting officer of the entire 26th Division until he was seriously wounded, will attend to most of the cases hereafter.

Capt Comerais was also directed to confer with Mayor Peters and the Boston committee on the suggested plan to billet the men of the 26th Division here as they had been in France. An interview will be had as soon as possible, it was said.

The following additional persons sent in letters today, in which they wanted to take men into their home after their arrival here:

Mrs E. M. Hastings, 84 Dunboy st, Brighton, four men; Mrs Ethel Cullen, 278 Norfolk st, Dorchester, two men; Mrs Richard Webster, 365 Cabot st, Newtonville, four men; B. R. Rees, 304 Adams st, Milton, two men; Mrs Jennie Duddy, 135 High st, Charlestown, her son and 10 others; Chief Tewksbury of Winthrop Fire Department, 20 men; F. L. Gibson, 265 Dean road, Brookline, four men, and G. A. Daggett, 239 Rawson st, Brookline, two men.

BROOKLINE EQUAL SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION

The programme committee, in charge of Mrs. Susan L. Ball and Mrs. Charles G. Cunningham, announces a series of weekly meetings on Tuesday afternoons in February, at which important topics will be presented by special speakers. The first meeting, on Feb. 4, will be held in the home of Mrs. George Copp Warren, Middlesex Road, Chestnut Hill, at 3, when Captain H. D. Comerais, of General Edwards's staff, will speak on "The Work of the 26th Division in France." Mrs. Comerais and Miss Alice Stone Blackwell, president of the State association, will be guests of honor, and the meeting will include tea, and singing led by Mrs. Winifred Powell. The other meetings will be held in headquarters, Coolidge Corner Building. On Feb. 11, Miss Blackwell will give "Memories of My Mother Lucy Stone," by special request. These meetings are free to all. Mrs. Gustaf Lund will preside.

CAPTAIN RAPS LOGAN CRITICS

Comerais Lauds Work of 101st Colonel

"Anyone who insinuates that officers of the 26th, including Colonel Logan, were not under shell fire—and some people are suggesting that thought now—are among the big class that won the war from this side of the water," Captain Henry T. Comerais of the 101st told the members of the St. Paul's Catholic Club last night. The captain paid a splendid tribute to Colonel Logan for the ability in which he moulded his regiment into a unit where the aim was one for all and all for one.

"It was a mere chance that the shell which sent me to the hospital did not hit him," he said. "And he was with the men in the trenches; in the front lines of open warfare, and where the men met the Boche at close quarters. That was why we comrades in arms knew that he would be vindicated. It was his leadership that made the 101st one of the best units of the four American divisions which were picked out from the entire army to be shock troops.

"We are satisfied to leave it to the official historians to tell the work at Chateau Thierry in which the 26th participated, a battle that had all Paris worried for the outcome. And we never lost an inch of ground and we never failed to take an objective. But all these things will be told in greater detail from now on."

Captain Comerais told of the things which happened from the time the division reached France until after he was wounded. He gave some interesting details about close fighting with the Boche at different points, during which the Germans were taught a new mode of warfare than the kind they had met when battling with French and English troops. When he finished he was given a rising vote of thanks. The Rev. Father Ryan then made a short address, thanking Captain Comerais for his talk, and also referring to the members of the club who laid down their lives for America in the war.

SERGEANT OF 101ST WRITES WAR SONG

William P. Connery's Composition Is to the Air of "Smiles"

Color Sergt. William P. Connery, 101st infantry, is the author of a song which comes under the general head of "Songs of 101st." It was written to the air of "Smiles." Following are the words:

"We're a gang who're always happy
We're a gang who're always glad
We're a gang who know just how to battle
And, when we hit, we always hit them hard
We're a lively, scrappy bunch of doughboys;
We're a gang the Kaiser often curse,
And we always bring home the bacon;
We're Colonel Logan's old Hundred and First."

POETS ADD TO ARMY OFFICERS' TROUBLES

One Insisted He Wanted to See Gen Edwards

Poets have been added to the troubles of the army officers at Northeastern Department headquarters who are making the plans for the reception, care of and parade of the men of the 26th Division.

Poems, some of home-coming and welcoming sentiments and others singing of the heroic deeds of the gallant men overseas, have previously been sent in by mail by their aspiring or simply patriotic authors; and song writers have been, unselfishly, they say, looking for approval of their wares.

But today, one poet called in person and insisted upon giving an author's reading of his tribute to the fighting men for their home-coming.

He wanted to see Gen Edwards, no one less in rank or importance. Gen Edwards did not happen to be in at the moment. Capt H. D. Chandler, his aid, who receives all visitors, and after ascertaining the purpose of the call, routes them to the proper officer or offices which handle the special matter concerning them, received the man.

In a minute he had him properly classified, and with his Harvard and Paris Beaux Arts School training was endeavoring to have him leave the poem and also himself leave so as to give others in the ever increasing line a chance to transact their business.

It seemed a fruitless effort, however, until the visitor mentioned that the poem was about the glorious 26th Division. That settled it. Capt H. D. Comerais of Brookline and Newton acts for Gen Edwards in receiving wives, mothers and friends of boys overseas, and giving what information or consolation he can in each case, and arranging for personal interviews with the General in many of the cases.

So to Capt Comerais was the visitor escorted. Capt Comerais' courage is unquestioned, as the manner in which he was shot up overseas testifies. And that he is most amiable and patient is daily officially recorded at headquarters, where he has been known to stand for two-hour long interviews with weeping wives and crying babies and hysterical mothers, when all the information that could possibly be exchanged really took but about two minutes.

Capt Comerais smilingly received his caller. He said it would not be necessary for him to read it. Every one was extremely busy and better consideration could be given the poem by it being read in leisurely quiet later on.

But the man was obdurate. He persistently tried to read his poem and was sidetracked each time.

Capt Comerais candidly declares he knows nothing regarding the literary merits of a poem; in fact, he says he is sure that another "Charge of the Light Brigade" would bounce off him unappreciated especially in his present frame of mind regarding home-coming poems and

ever, does state that the real literary fellows to whom he submitted some of the poems in by mail, have all original impressions or conceptions, and were mostly "bunk,"

BAY STATE AUTO ASS'N ENJOYS ANNUAL DINNER

Stories of the Gallant 26th by Capt. Comerais, a Visit by "Sir Henry," and Pleasure Galore Feature Feast



Stories of the gallantry of the men of the 26th Division by Captain Harry Comerais, the appearance of Major-General Clarence E. Edwards, and a neatly-done hoax by John E. Daniels, "made up" and introduced as "Sir Henry Rawson, editor of the Glasgow Chronicle," were outstanding features of the annual dinner of the Bay State Automobile Association at the Hotel Victoria last night.

In making a brief speech of welcome, President Fred T. Moore of the association announced that all the events of the evening would "run in high," to use the automobile term. His words proved prophetic, for there was not a dull moment from that time until the last guest had departed. It was, so old-timers said, the biggest and best dinner the Bay State Automobile Association has ever held. And there was not a single hitch in the lengthy and entertaining programme.

MANY ATTEND

Seated at the head table were some of the best-known men in automobile circles in New England, while the main dining room, where the dinner was held, was filled to capacity with members of the association and their guests.

The room was given a "war touch" by the use of empty shells for decorations. Captain Comerais, the guest of honor and a member of the association, had a lively time in the clubroom in the hotel meeting old-time friends before the dinner commenced. Just to prove to him that he is much in their thoughts they later presented to him a handsome silver cigarette humidor with his name engraved on the cover.

After a word of welcome from President Moore, the diners all stood and sang "The Star Spangled Banner," led by John E. Daniels. Then President Moore read two letters, the first from Senator David I. Walsh, a member of the association, who expressed his regret at not being able to be present at the dinner, and the second from Congressman Alvin T. Fuller, who also expressed regrets.

MacAlman Gets Hearty Greeting

Then President Moore introduced John H. MacAlman, president of the Boston Automobile Dealers' Association, who seemed to be well known to the members, for several of them welcomed him with the cry of "Hullo, John!"

After the applause that followed had subsided, Mr. MacAlman urged dealers in automobiles to proceed with business as usual, despite the uncertainty in regard to prices. He said that he believes matters will adjust themselves as time goes on, and that those who are in the automobile business should not hesitate to go ahead with their plans.

With reference to the coming automobile show, Mr. MacAlman said that he believes it will mark the beginning of a business season that will be superior to any of the past and that it behooves the dealers to take the goods as they are and not wait for lower prices.

Mr. MacAlman concluded his remarks with a humorous story, which was destined to prove a text for the opening remarks of the next speaker, "Sir Henry Rawson of Glasgow, Scotland, member of the British mission to this country and editor of the Glasgow Chronicle."

Sir Henry Enters on Scene

"Sir Henry" had been escorted to the head table just a moment before by J. J. MacNamara, chairman of the publicity committee. "Sir Henry" was garbed in conventional evening clothes and wore flowing side whiskers of the accepted Scotch type.

In introducing "Sir Henry" President Moore did so in elaborate style, referring to "Sir Henry" as a most distinguished Scot, who had come to this country with a British mission, sent here to observe conditions.

Then, to applause, "Sir Henry" rose to speak. He spoke with a decided Scotch accent and began by alluding in a facetious manner to the story which had been told by Mr. MacAlman. Going on from point to point, wittily, he soon had his audience in a gale of laughter. He said that he had been asked to describe his impressions of America and particularly of Boston.

At first there seemed to be some in the room who doubted the identity of the speaker, but as he went on this doubt seemed to be dispelled by the frankness of his manner, and he was frequently interrupted by applause.

Sir Henry Proves "Some" Singer

After he had finished "Sir Henry" sat down—to more applause. Then President Moore rose and said that he had learned that the distinguished guest was noted as a singer, and asked him if he would favor the company with a song. After some hesitation "Sir Henry" said that he would, admitting that he had vocalized at times in his youth.

It was at this point that the members and guests of the association got a surprise. "Sir Henry" said that he had learned that there was a countryman of his by the name of Daniels in Boston, and added that he would sing the first verse of a song if Mr. Daniels would oblige with the next verse. Everybody looked about for Mr. Daniels, but not seeing him they listened to the first verse of Annie Laurie, which the venerable "Sir Henry" sang in a voice that belied his apparent years.

"Weel, I may ha frightened Daniels," he remarked, as he paused after the first verse. "Anyway, I'll sing the next myself if he dares na appear."

Disguise Had Deceived All

And suiting his action to his words "Sir Henry" started in to do so. As he sang he commenced to pull off his Sherlock Holmes-like whiskers, revealing to the astonished gaze of the diners none other than John Daniels, himself, with whom many of those present had been fraternizing themselves earlier in the evening!

Following the appearance of Mr. Daniels, Captain Harry Comerais was introduced by President Moore. At this time he presented the captain with a handsome silver cigarette humidor, on which was inscribed his name, the gift being from the members of the Bay State Automobile Association.

Captain Comerais was so deeply moved that he paused for some time before expressing his thanks. Finally he said that he thanked the donors of the humidor and that it would always be one of his greatest treasures.

In beginning his talk Captain Comerais said that he does not take as much credit for his part in the war as his friends "have wished on" him.

Capt. Comerais Praises the 26th

He said that the 26th Division went into the trenches shortly after their arrival in France and that they remained there for five months.

Captain Comerais had much to say in praise of the enlisted men. He said that the officers and men of the New England division were like a great "family" and that they got "pretty chummy." He then pictured the men who fought and died in France. "Braver and truer men never lived," he said.

Then Captain Comerais spoke words of praise of Major-General Edwards, whom he lovingly referred to as "the old man." "It was a division with a soul," said Captain Comerais, "and General Edwards—the old man—was the soul of the 26th Division. And he was not a dugout soldier—for he led us. He's not soft. He's what we call hard boiled."

Captain Comerais said that he had been told by an officer who had known General Edwards for a long time that he was "the squarest man in the United States army." "But you had to deliver the goods every time," added the captain.

How the 26th Division trained in France, the weapons with which they fought the Huns and many stories of individual heroism, with descriptions of battles in which he and his men had leading parts, thrilled the diners from that time on. The terrors of gas, the terrible strain of a barrage and other horrors of war were gone into in detail by the speaker.

Boys' Courage Was Big Surprise

"One of the surprises to me was the way in which those young fellows took hold of things," he went on. "You don't know how brave you are going to be until you are tested. Men whom you would think would fail will often prove to be the bravest and vice versa. There is no telling until the crisis comes who will prove the bravest.

"These boys were brave in spite of the fact that they did fear the shells.

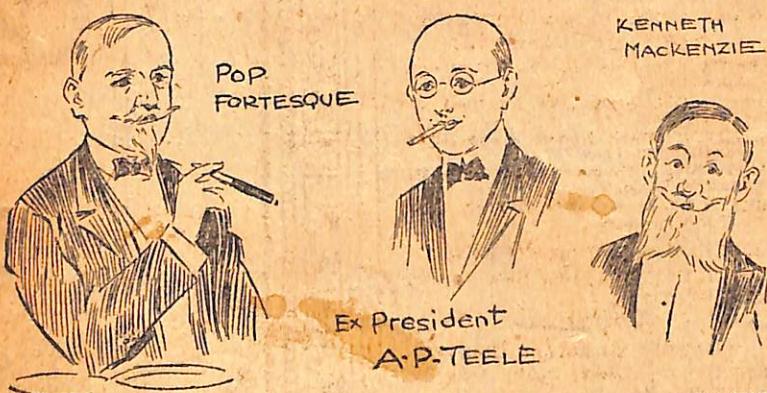
I don't care who the man is, he is scared, and scared pink, when the barrage is going on."

In concluding Captain Comerais paid high tribute to the morality of the 26th Division. He said that no more moral body of men were ever assembled.

General Edwards came late, but he was greeted with much enthusiasm. After being escorted to head table, he made an address in which he expressed his pleasure at being present and regret that other important engagements had kept him away until such a late hour. He spoke in some detail of the work of the 26th Division and said that it was an honor to command the men of this great New England organization.

CAPT COMERAIS HONORED AT BANQUET BY BAY STATE A. A.

Presented With Silver Humidor—Tells of Battles of 26th Division—Praises Gen Edwards



Capt Henry T. Comerais, 26th or Yankee Division, was the guest of honor at a banquet of the Bay State A. A. last evening at Hotel Victoria. It was a victory dinner arranged by the club in order that the members might do honor to a soldier, who had been a fellow of their organization from its early days. There were about 200 present. It was the first big affair given by the club since before the war.

After the dinner, Pres Fred T. Moore gave a brief outline of what the organization is doing in the way of looking after the interests of the motorists. Then he introduced Pres J. H. MacAlman of the Boston Automobile Dealers' Association. This speaker, noted for his wit, entertained the members for a few minutes in the lighter vein. Then he turned to the serious side and explained about motor conditions throughout the country.

He stated that the industry is coming back with a rush, and that business is booming in the big factories. Also that all the reports from the different shows throughout the country indicated a big year for the trade.

He said that the Boston show, which opens next Saturday night, would be greater than ever. New Englanders are showing greater interest than ever, as evidenced by the letters and telegrams daily by his association.

Introducing Capt. Cormerais, Kenneth

MacKenzie" of Glasgow, Scot. This speaker looked the part, and after making many witty comments upon things he had supposedly observed while on a tour of this country he ended with some quotations from Burns and a few Scotch songs.

Then he turned his back, pulled off his whiskers and revealed himself as a member of the club, amid much merriment.

Pres Moore read letters of regret from Senator David L. Walsh and Congressman Alvan T. Fuller.

Capt Comerais was introduced and Pres Moore presented him, on behalf of the club, with a handsome silver humidor for cigarettes.

Capt Comerais was very much surprised. After thanking the members he then made an interesting address in which he praised Gen Edwards and gave some incidents to show why the members of the famous Yankee Division loved their commander.

He told of the battles in which the division had been engaged, in one of which he was wounded. A shell tore off part of his right hand. When he concluded, he was given three hearty cheers.

Gen Edwards was delayed until the banquet was nearly over. When he arrived he was given a great reception. He thanked the club members for honoring Capt Comerais, saying that in doing so they honored the entire division. He paid a tribute to all the officers and men who served under him. He was loudly cheered when he finished.

Capt. Cormerais Wounded While Talking with Commander

PRAISES SPIRIT OF 26TH DIVISION

Capt. H. D. Cormerais of the 101st infantry, 26th division, speaking before more than 1000 persons at the City Club last night, paid a stirring tribute to the men of the "Yankee division," its former leader in France, Maj.-Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, and to Col. Edward L. Logan, former commander of the 101st regiment. He declared that Col. Logan "has a heart as big as a house and they don't make them any better."

Capt. Cormerais, who is a Newton man, was severely wounded by an exploding shell while talking with Col. Logan in a house immediately behind the trenches last spring. Although Col. Logan was uninjured, Capt. Cormerais believes that it was as narrow an escape as Col. Logan had during the war.

Training in France

After briefly outlining the early history of the 26th division in this country,

Capt. Cormerais said in part: "We think we belong to a pretty good division—the 26th. We know that we had a mighty good commanding officer in Gen. Edwards. Both Col. Logan and I admit that the 101st regiment was the best. We didn't have any real modern war training in the United States, but when we reached France we began right away. We learned sniping, we were taught how to stick with the bayonet and not get stuck, and we practised throwing hand grenades. The bayonet drill was very important for, you know, the boche does not like the bayonet and we do. The men were healthy at the training camp, only a few cases of pneumonia occurring. After training eight hours a day six days in the week, the men became hardened in more ways than one."

"On Feb. 7," he continued, "we were turned loose and sent to the Chemin des Dames sector. It was here that the boche made frequent raids with the sole purpose of getting prisoners. They were not successful. In fact, we were the ones who captured prisoners. There was a very pretty cemetery here and it made us all sick when the Germans took that ground over in their big drive last spring."

In speaking of the 26th, he said in part:

"I want to impress upon you the fine quality of the men; they are all fine boys. There wasn't a quitter in the entire bunch, and they suffered all manner of necessary hardships. The officers had to keep them in check because they were always anxious to go ahead and get the boche. Their indomitable spirit kept them cheerful and ready to obey the commands."

In closing he said: "I repeat that you cannot say too much for the men. I served practically all of the time with Col. Logan and believe he is a peach. He has a heart as big as a house and they don't make them any better. And I know for I saw him all the time, and as for Gen. Edwards—look at the 26th division."

The thrilling war picture, "America's Answer," which shows what the Americans accomplished overseas, was displayed in the hall.



LIEUT WILLIS SENDS RADIO HE WILL SPEAK TONIGHT

Lieut Harold Willis of the Lafayette Escadrille, who is on a transport lying outside New York Harbor, sent a wireless message last night to Mrs Harry E. Damon, chairman of Newton Day at the Lieut Farre Pictures Exhibit in Horticultural Hall, saying he would speak there tonight at 5, if nothing unforeseen prevents his landing this morning.

Capt H. D. Cormerais of the 101st Infantry will also be one of the speakers.

CORMERAIS SPEAKS

Capt. H. D. Cormerais, of Gen. Edwards's staff, will speak on the Yankee division in France before a meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Association in Kingsley Hall next Monday evening.

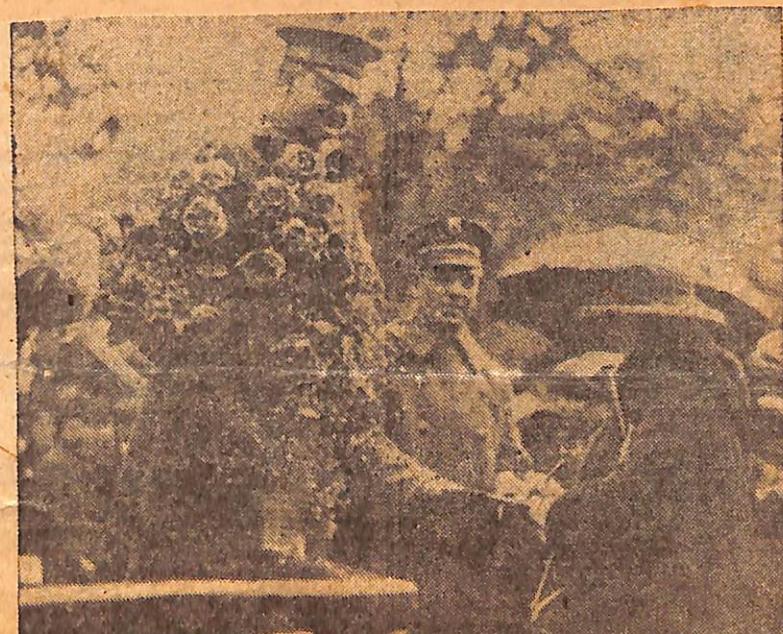
SOLDIERS' MEMORIAL FOR NEWTON CHURCH

Chaplain Rollins of the 101st and Captain Cormerais of the Newton Company (Company C) of the 101st will speak in Trinity Church, Newton Centre, at the morning service next Sunday. At this service offerings and subscriptions will be received for a memorial for six soldiers who lost their lives in the war and an honor roll of all who went into the service from the parish.

The design provides for finishing in oak panelling the rear end of the church, with deep-set seats at the base, the panels containing the names of all who served in the war, the central number of the design having the six names of those who died in letters of red and gold, with carved angels in deep relief above them. Besides being a fitting and beautiful memorial, the plan will complete the interior of the church and make some needed additions to the capacity.

ADDRESSED SOLDIERS

Capt. H. D. Cormerais went to Portland, Me., to speak at the services in connection with the welcoming back of returning soldiers yesterday. The exercises were similar to those held last Sunday on the Common here.



MRS. EDWIN A. SHUMAN WRITING CHECK FOR SALVATION ARMY.

She paid \$50 for a bouquet sold to aid the Salvation Army drive yesterday. Captain Henry D. Cormerais is shown holding the bouquet, and Adjutant William Antrim of the Salvation Army is holding the pad for her to write the check on.

Paul Revere Chapter, D. A. R., Mrs. Sidney L. Burr, regent, will have its regular meeting tomorrow, Thursday, April 8, at 10:30 A. M., at Hotel Bellevue, Beacon street. There will be musical numbers by Miss Virginia Walker, harper, and Captain Henry D. Cormerais, 101st Infantry, Twenty-sixth Division, will tell of his experiences overseas. Mrs. Thomas Allen will speak on "Work of the Red Cross." Those who form the group of hostesses for the day are: Mrs. Thomas R. Winans, Mrs. Harry Carleton Wiggin, Miss Elizabeth S. Wilkinson, Mrs. Frank P. Williams, Mrs. Mary A. Williams, Mrs. Adin M. Wright and Mrs. Anna I. Adams.

Bay State A. A. Banquet

The Bay State A. A. is to have its annual banquet at the Hotel Victoria on Saturday evening, March 8. This will revive the annual custom when the Bay State dinner was one of the big features of the motor season.

The banquet will also take the form of a testimonial to Capt Cormerais of the 26th, now invalided home, who for some years was one of our motor dealers. He has been a member of the Bay State Club since the early days.

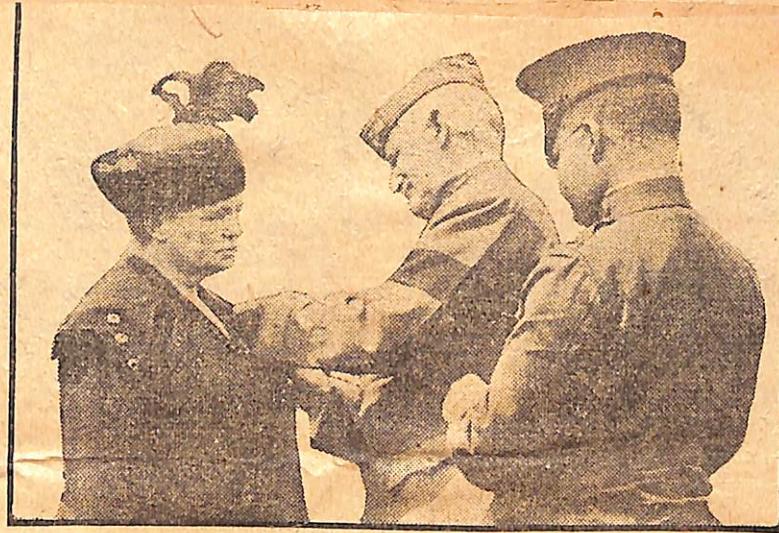
TO TELL OF DAYS AND NIGHTS IN TRENCHES

Stories of days and nights in the trenches, together with thrilling incidents of battles in which he has participated, will be told by Captain Harry Cormerais at the annual dinner of the Bay State Automobile Association at the Hotel Victoria Saturday night.

Major-General Clarence R. Edwards, commander of the 26th Division, will be a guest.

The evening's programme will be enlivened by the appearance of a mysterious Englishman, Sir Henry Rawson, who will tell his audience what he thinks of America. Sir Henry came into fame some time ago, it is said, by singing "The Star Spangled Banner" over the long distance phone from 'Frisco to Boston.

GEN EDWARDS AWARDS WAR HONORS TO SEVEN



Top, Left to Right—Mrs Mary J. Spinney, Joseph Boughan, Clifford S. Mellen, William R. Davis, Archie C. Nash, Col William F. Walker, Joseph C. Lee.

Bottom—Gen Edwards Decorating Mrs Spinney.

DECORATING SOLDIERS ON THE COMMON.

With full military honors, five Distinguished Service Crosses and two Distinguished Service Medals were awarded to sons of Massachusetts on Boston Common yesterday afternoon.

In presenting the honors, Maj Gen Edwards said:

"By order of the Secretary of War and by direction of the President, and in conformity with law, it becomes my agreeable duty to present the Distinguished Service Cross.

To Mrs Spinney, the mother of the gallant soldier, Corp Spinney for heroism at Verdun, where he lost his life.

"To Private Boughan, of the 101st Infantry, who was grievously wounded in the same battle.

"To Private Mellen, Co A, 104th Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in the battle of a few days before.

"To Private Davis, for his heroic conduct in one of the first battles in which the 26th Division was engaged, at Apremont; and

"To Private Nash, 102d Infantry, for great heroism at Marcheville, France.

"I am glad that it fell to my fortunate lot to pin on these medals, most of the cases of which I have personal knowledge and for acts while I was in command of the 26th Division.

"It furthermore becomes my pleasant duty, by direction of the President and by order of the Secretary of War, to present to Col Walker and Joseph Lee the Distinguished Service Medal."

A battalion of the 36th United States Infantry, the Boston Provost Guard, paraded for the ceremony. Col Thomas L. Brewer, provost marshal, received and escorted the honored men. Col Brewer commanded the march past in their honor.

Col Albert S. Williams, Gen Edwards' chief of staff, read the official citations, and the General himself pinned on the decorations, adding a personal word.

Mrs Mary J. Spinney of Brighton, mother of Corp George J. Spinney, Co C, 101st Infantry, who lost his life in the fight north of Verdun, Oct 27, received

the Distinguished Service Cross awarded her gallant son.

The soldiers and war workers who were decorated in person, and their deeds, as officially announced, were: Joseph J. Boughan of Newton, private, Co C, 101st Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action north of Verdun, Oct 27, 1918. While advancing with the first wave private Boughan, with another soldier, attacked a machine gun nest and killed two of the crew after a hand-to-hand encounter in which he was severely wounded.

Clifford E. Mellen of Worcester, private, Co A, 104th Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action near Verdun, Oct 16, 1918. When he was in a shell hole with an officer and eight men the enemy threw some hand grenades, one landing among the men. Private Mellen seized it and attempted to throw it out, when it exploded. His action saved the lives of his comrades, but resulted in a severe injury to himself.

William R. Davis of Avon, private, Co E, 104th Infantry, for exceptional courage and devotion to duty in action on April 12, 1918, remaining at his post and continuing to fire his rifle and grenades at the enemy, after he was severely wounded in action.

Archie C. Nash of North Cambridge, private (first class), Headquarters Company, 102d Infantry, for extraordinary heroism in action at Marcheville Sept 26, 1918. He displayed remarkable coolness and courage under violent bombardment when he voluntarily repaired telephone lines and rendered great assistance in maintaining communication. Although wounded he continued his work until ordered evacuated by his commander.

Col William H. Walker of Bridgeport, Chemical Warfare Service, U. S. A., for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service. His extraordinary technical ability, untiring industry and great zeal have enabled remarkable results to be achieved in the production division of the Chemical Warfare Service, in the face of many obstacles encountered.

Joseph Lee of Boston, for especially meritorious and conspicuous service as president of the War Camp Community Service.

THE REGULATION OVERSEAS CAP



Foulleourte, France,
March 2, 1919.

My dear Captain:-

May I thank you for your expressions of congratulation and affection which I received in your cable? You may be sure that I felt very much happier by the occasion of the receipt of them than I did when I last saw you at my celebrated resting place at Blois and tho I had no personal word from you since our parting I read of your wonderful addresses in the newspapers and was certain that both the interests of the regiment and the truth in my case wered being fairly and frankly given to our citizens. Your letter to Chaplain Rollins he read at the mess the other day and we were all pleased to know that the Northeastern Dept. was bound to be, in the future, efficiently and gracefully managed even tho you had to do it with your left hand because, Thank God, the Boche at least had saved your head and heart.

Give my sincerest congratulations to the General upon his continued excellent discernment in the selection of his assistants. Tell Major or Colonel or General Hyatt, whatever it may be, that we are all grateful to him for what he has done and express to Mon General the earnest hope which we all have that he will lead us thru Boston upon the occasion of our return.

Sincerely,

Edward R. Hogan
Colonel, 101st Infantry.

Captain H. D. Cormerais, A. D. C.,
Hq. Northeastern Department,
Boston, Mass.

Newton Captain Tells of Colonel's Narrow Escape

How Colonel Edward L. Logan, former commander of the 101st Infantry, barely escaped being wounded by a German shell that struck a house immediately behind the trenches last spring, was told last night at the City Club by Captain H. D. Cormerais of Newton, who was wounded while talking with Colonel Logan at the time. Captain Cormerais paid a glowing tribute to Colonel Logan, declaring that "the colonel has a heart as big as a house and they don't make them any better."

"I cannot praise the men of the 26th Division from General Edwards down to the humblest private, too highly," he declared. "There wasn't a quitter in the entire bunch. The officers had to keep them in check, they were so eager to fight."

"One cannot say too much for those boys. I served practically all the time with Colonel Logan and believe me, he is a peach. And as for General Edwards—look at the 26th Division. They suffered all kinds of hardships, but they were there and acquitted themselves with honor."

"Their indomitable spirit kept them cheerful and ready to obey commands at all times."

101ST DRIVE

Captain Cormerais Unit of the 101st Auxiliary Association made \$4,022.78 in the drive last Saturday.

Mrs. Henry D. Cormerais was captain, Mrs. J. Q. Hoey had charge of headquarters at the Armory, assisted by Mrs. Wedell. The following ladies had charge of the different stations and of the 260 young girls who, dressed in white and with neat white trench caps, sold the daisies: Mrs. S. Robert Gaw, Newton; Miss May Hickey, Nonantum; Miss Marion Gifford and Mrs. Jessie M. Barry, Newtonville; Mrs. J. E. Reinhalter, West Newton; Miss Emma J. Edmunds, Auburndale; Mrs. Guy McKinney, Waban; Mrs. Patrick Driscoll, Newton Upper Falls; Mrs. J. F. Faherty, Newton Highlands; Mrs. Arthur Pearson, Newton Centre; Miss Agnes P. Shields, Watertown; Miss Madeleine S. Sewall, Needham. Miss Teresa Sullivan and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fitzgerald, with the aid of the girls of the Brighton telephone exchange, covered Brighton and Allston, and collected \$915.73 for the Unit.

Mayor Childs and Lieutenant Moyce made addresses in the different villages during the evening.

The ladies had the assistance of 20 men from the Arsenal, including buglers and drummers, and the use of 10 automobiles during the day and evening. Thanks are especially due the Newton Centre Trust Company and the Allston branch of the Market Trust Company, who counted the money, and the Unit also thanks all those outside of the Auxiliary who helped in any way to make the drive a success.

CAPTAIN COMERAIS LEAVES

Newton Officer Terminates Duties at Army Headquarters to Return to Private Life

Henry D. Cormerais, who has been serving at the headquarters of the Department of the Northeast as personal aide to General Edwards, terminated his connection with the Army today in order to resume business in private life. Captain Cormerais applied for his discharge some time ago but remained on duty at the request of General Edwards. He was today the recipient of a gold cigarette case, a present from Mrs. Edwards, the wife of the general, as an acknowledgment of Captain Cormerais's courtesy to her.

Captain Cormerais entered the service as commander of the Newton company in the Fifth Massachusetts Infantry, which subsequently became the 101st. After his arrival in France he served as zone major from Oct. 1, 1917, to the end of the year. He then returned to his regiment and took command of the headquarters company. Captain Cormerais was wounded June 16, 1918, at Bernecourt. Before the war he was in the public warehouse business in Allston, and will resume that occupation.

Another change at Army headquarters is the return of Captain Walter A. Hallstrom to his former rank of Army field clerk. Captain Hallstrom has been nineteen years in the service. He accepted a commission at the beginning of the war under an arrangement providing for his return to his former status.

Real estate transaction of great interest to every citizen of Newton. Mrs. Florence Wilhelmina Heard, wife of Nathan Heard, of Newton, transfers her beautiful estate, No. 137 Waverley avenue and Church street to Mrs. Grace A. Cormerais, wife of Capt. Henry D. Cormerais. The estate comprises a beautiful modern frame house of 10 rooms and 2 baths together with a new, modern two-car garage and about 10,000 ft. land. The assessors' valuation of the property is \$10,000, the purchase price being far in excess of the valuation. The property has a most desirable southeast exposure together with its exclusive location and accessibility to all transportation makes the estate a most desirable home. All Newton will be pleasantly interested to know that Captain Henry D. Cormerais and his family are in the future to be permanent residents of this city. Capt. Cormerais originates from an old Newton family, and enjoys a most splendid war record. He organized C Co. of the 5th, captained the same across the seas, did splendid service in the world war and returned a battle scarred veteran.

After extensive improvements and permanently installing the flag staff associated with Clafin Field, transferred to Framingham, finally to France and return, the captain will finally occupy his new home, and let us all hope that he will be happy.

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THE DAILY SICK RUMOR

A newsy sheet published every little while about things that happen and never happen, mostly never.
Editor---the Adjutant Assitant Editor---Doc. with Musical and Society---Cap't Murphy Sporting Editor---The major Poor Food Expert---Lt. Coleman Self Help to the Sick---The Medical Officers District Correspondents---All Ossifers
NOTE Send your stories in promptly each morning.

Lt. McConnell has recently been appointed JUDGE of the local court. He is a Credick to his proffeshun and the ship is to be Congratulated on the HONOR bestowed upon him.

The singing school takes place each evening the recreation room under the direction direction of the Musical Editor.

The ship is in need of a vice commission it is rumored that gambling is very prevalent on board. Come seven and eleven are heard at all hours of the day and at night some Officers are getting rich, while others will PARADE in life preservers on the other side UNLESS barrels can be found to fit them.

The Adjutant still has his gold piece but it is rumored that a Conspiracy IS being engineered to separate him from it---. Watch Out,

Capt. Cronin has entered a complaint; the family next door keep him awake nights. He has given notice and WILL move by Sepi. 30 to a more quiet naberhood.

It is rumored that the DRUM CORP of the 5th Mass. Inf. have been ordered to report under Col. name detected by Censor. This is the only DRUM Corp in the Country that has A Colonel as its Commander and DRUM Major.

The Editor will accept subscriptions in -BOOZE or CASH-- BROKEN Packages BARRED.

The medical Officers report that all Reserve Officers with fuzz on their upper lip must REPORT for Short Arm Inspection

The Major informs had he been given time enuff he would have been able to have put on the life preserver assigned to him

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Ameteur Navigators will work out the ship's position from below. Commander Sexton is unable to give his attention at this time to instruction on the bridge

FOREIGN NEWS

The waR is still on but it is RUMORED that it will be over before the 101st reaches the other side judging by the speed be made at present.

All newly weds on board have read their steamer lettes addressed to the best man on earth. Oh to be young and full of PEP agrin.

Lt. B--- of Co. C is worrying about hiS weight. Excess baggage over 250 lbs will be thrown over board. He figures at the gate he is going that he will touch 251 lbs ten miles off shore.

WATCH YOUR PROPERTY OFFICERS are EXPENDABLE

Poor old Kaiser Bill.

Retreat is the signal to stop smoking on deck---Forgetting is no excuse. It is rumored that the first offender will appear before the Judge.

Lt. Edmonds insists that he WaS not seasick. It must have been the dinner that was tendered to him in N. Y. that UPSET him. The Police officer has his troubles; we feel for him.

The Mess Officer desires that every Co. officer ASSIST him to keep the men orderly, and in line. NO SECONDS UNTIL the SIGNAL IS GIVEN.

Lt. Buckminister is attached to a canoe pillow. He expects a quiet and peaceful trip.

Lt. Oates reports that he can sing as well as ever. WELLER if anything.

Do not be alarmed SUBS have been notified to dass this ship up. The HIGHBROWS are all on the otherships.

Be sure and DO not overlook the study period 9 to 10 each night.

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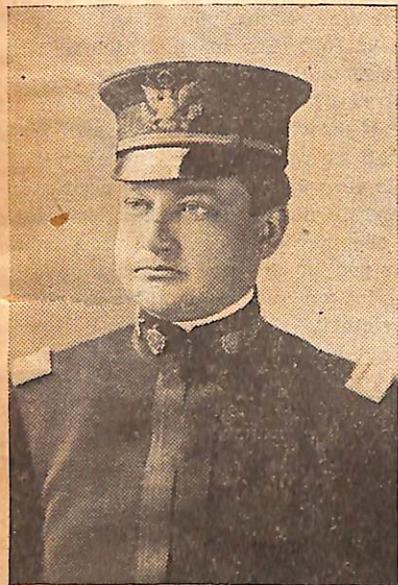
CORMERAIS

HIS INJURIES ARE UNKNOWN

No Further News Received of Capt. H. D. Cormerais Reported Wounded in Battle.

No further word has been received from Captain Henry D. Cormerais, formerly of Company C, 5th Regiment, and now attached to Col. Logan's staff in France, who was reported a week ago as severely wounded.

This report was issued from the War Department at Washington in its casualty list of July 3, and was preceded by a cablegram received by Mrs. Cormerais from Col. Logan several days before stating that Capt.



CAPT. H. D. COMERAIS

Cormerais had been wounded but not severely.

Capt. Cormerais joined the old Massachusetts Volunteer Militia soon after the Spanish War, enlisting in Company B, 8th Regt. of Cambridge, later transferring to the local company, Company C, Claflin Guard, now a unit of the 101st Infantry.

After the arrival of the regiment in France last fall, he was for a while assigned to the headquarters company and was later assigned to Col. Logan's staff.

CAPT. HENRY D. CORMERAIS ACTIVE IN BUSINESS HERE

Capt. Henry Dana Cormerais, Co. C, 101st Infantry, whose name appears in today's list of seriously wounded, lives at 72 Gardner st, Allston. He was for-



CAPT. HENRY D. CORMERAIS
Of Allston, Severely Wounded.

merly captain of Co C, Claflin Guards of Newton, part of the old 5th Regiment. He was born in Brookline in 1879, and is the son of Mrs. Helen D. Cormerais of Brookline. After graduating from the Brookline Grammar and High Schools he went to work for Hayden, Stone & Co.

Later he went into the warehouse business, leaving this for the automobile business. For some time he was agent for the Premier cars. Several years ago he opened a storage warehouse in Allston. He is married. Capt. Cormerais joined the Massachusetts Militia shortly after the Spanish War, enlisting first in Co C, Cambridge. Later he transferred to the Claflin Guards. He was with the 5th on the Mexican border.

Capt. H. D. Cormerais

Captain Henry Dana Cormerais of 72 Gardner street, Allston, who yesterday was reported as severely wounded, is a member of C Company, 101st Infantry. He was formerly captain of C Company, Claflin Guards, of Newton, part of the old 5th Regiment. He was born in Brookline in 1879. Captain Cormerais is the son of Mrs. Helen D. Cormerais of Brookline. His early education was received in the schools of Brookline. He later entered the employ of Hayden,

Severely Wounded

CORMERAIS, CAPT. HENRY D., Pine Ridge road, Wellesley, formerly lived at 72 Gardner street, Allston. Listed as severely wounded, although his wife, Mrs. Grace Cormerais, received a cablegram from Col. Logan saying that he had been slightly wounded June 16. He was on Col. Logan's staff of the 101st. Born in Brookline, 1879, and is the son of Mrs. Helen D. Cormerais of Brookline. Was graduated from the Brookline grammar and high schools, then went to work for Hayden, Stone & Co. Later engaged in the warehouse and automobile businesses. Owns the Allston Storage Warehouse, and for some time was agent for Premier cars. Was captain of C company, old 5th regiment (Claflin guards), of Newton; Joined state militia shortly after Spanish war, enlisting in C company, old 8th regiment, Cambridge; transferred to Claflin guards; served with 5th regiment at the Mexican border.

CAPT. CORMERAIS SEVERELY WOUNDED

Co. C Commander Reported Hurt in France

Capt. Henry D. Cormerais, who commanded Co. C of West Newton when it left to be part of the vanguard of the American Army in France, has been severely wounded in action, according to the casualty list published Wednesday.

Capt. Cormerais was at the head of Co. C of the 101st when he fell. It will be remembered that he was placed in command of the new company which was formed when the old 5th and 9th were merged.

He resides on Pine Ridge rd, Wellesley, and is married. He was born in Brookline, 1879, and is the son of Mrs. Helen D. Cormerais of Brookline. He was graduated from the Brookline grammar and high schools, then went to work for Hayden, Stone & Co. Later engaged in the warehouse and automobile businesses. He owns the Allston Storage Warehouse, and for some time was agent for Premier cars. He was captain of C Company, old 5th regiment (Claflin guards), of Newton; Joined state militia shortly after Spanish war, enlisting in C Company, old 8th regiment, Cambridge; transferred to Claflin guards; served with 5th regiment at the Mexican border.

Stone & Co. After this he was in the warehouse and automobile business. He went with the old 5th to the border at the time of the Mexican trouble.



CAPTAIN HENRY D. CORMERAIS, Commander of C Company, 101st Infantry, who was seriously wounded on June 16, while leading his company in battle.

SAFE AND WELL

CAPT. CORMERAIS REPORTED HURT

Casualty List Says Officer of 101st Is Severely Hurt While Cable from Colonel Logan to Mrs. Cormerais Reports Him as Slightly Wounded

Captain Henry D. Cormerais is reported on this morning's casualty list as being severely wounded, although his wife, Mrs. Grace Cormerais, received a cablegram from Colonel Logan last Friday saying that he had been wounded, not severely, in action on June 16.

Captain Cormerais was on Colonel Logan's staff in the 101st Regiment, having been in the service for over twenty-three years. At the time of the Mexican trouble he went to the border with his regiment. He was born in Brookline, attended the Brookline High school, and has lived there nearly all his life. He is the owner of the Allston Storage Warehouse, and his residence is at 72 Gardner street, Allston. He is thirty-eight years old.

CAPT. CORMERAIS INJURIES

Friends and acquaintances of Capt. H. D. Cormerais in Newton will be interested in an extract from a letter written by Lieut. John J. Lydon of South Boston, who was standing beside Captain Cormerais when he was wounded. The letter states:

"I just had dinner, and I certainly must thank God for the privilege, as yesterday I was granted liberty from school where I have been since June 8, and with Captain Murphy, our adjutant, and Lieut. Jack Casey, we went on a trip in the Colonel's auto to where our regiment is located.

"We had been there only twenty minutes when the Germans started shelling the whole line. Two shells dropped outside the colonel's quarters, and the shrapnel went through it like paper. On my left, close to my arm, stood Lieutenant Blake. A piece of shrapnel entered his ear, and he wasn't so badly wounded as he might have been. I gave him first aid by using my pocket handkerchief, and then he was treated by a doctor and rushed to the hospital.

"On my right, his left elbow against me, stood Capt. H. D. Cormerais. His hand all but his thumb was blown off, also part of his arm and a piece of his side. The wall in back of me was peppered with holes, just above my head. The colonel was cool and collected and directed the care of the two wounded officers, while all this time we were figuring on another shell coming over.

"We rushed the wounded to a dugout and then sat down waiting for another shell. It came, landing within six feet of the entrance to our dugout. It knocked over Lieutenant Hadley, the all-star American football player, and threw splinters into our dugout. We were taking care of the wounded and didn't pay much attention to this shell. But for a little blood on my uniform and my glasses and a slight ringing in my ears from the concussion, I got off all right.

"Although there were twelve or fourteen officers in the room at the time, including Colonel Logan, only two were hit."—Advertiser.

Many a Newton home as well as the city in general will welcome the news received this week by Mrs. H. D. Cormerais, wife of Captain Cormerais, in the form of a cablegram, stating, "Safe and well in _____."

Instructions issued to newspapers by the Committee on Public Information at Washington forbid the publication of dates, locations and designation of commands until authorized.—ED.

Cormerais' Hard Luck

Capt. Harry D. Cormerais is doing well, and unless unforeseen complications come along, will be out again shortly. He is already sitting up. Too late for my last letter, I learned just how he got hit. It was one of our daily miracles—not that Harry was hit, but that the rest escaped.

Finding His Men

An officer came up and inspected the outfit stealthily. The judge, unable to sleep, pretended to be unconscious, and awaited the return of the officer, probably with a military policeman. He even awoke David to instruct him to go to sleep again and let the judge handle the situation when it should arise. But even that poor fun was denied him; the officer never came back.

The judge found a big bunch of his men and some 20 officers, including Capt Harry Cormerais, in the first hospital he visited. The men were all broke, so the judge turned a handsome fund over to Cormerais. Then he visited his men, and when each said he needed a little money, the Judge smiled and answered, "Go to Capt Cormerais tomorrow and give him the touch—he's got the stuff."

It is not yet sure whether Capt Cormerais can rejoin his company. He has lost two fingers, and his hand will always be somewhat crippled. But the arm is all right and his recovery has been splendid.

The convalescent men crowded round the judge's car to ask for news of their outfits, and above all to plead to get back where they had been before.

At the next stop, in the headquarters town of the American general staff, even the guard on the gate was a South Boston boy, who grinned delightedly when the judge called the turn on him.

McCarthy, well on the road to recovery, was in hospital here, a dozen more officers of the regi-

Mrs. Margaret McDevitt of Allen road has received word from her youngest son, James J. McDevitt, in France, that he has received his commission as a lieutenant in the U. S. Infantry and is now doing duty with his old company, Co. C, 101st Inf.

Lieut. McDevitt before being called into service last summer, had been a member of Co. C, 5th Mass. Inf., for the past two years, going to the Mexican border under Capt. Henry D. Cormerais in 1916, being but eighteen years old at that time.

On his arrival in France in September last he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and a short time later was appointed to the officers' training school.

In March he received his commission and was sent to his old company where he had the honor of being in the trenches with his company during the early part of April.

MACLEAN OF CO C, OLD 5TH REGIMENT, DIES OF WOUNDS

Harry A. MacLean of 117A Fayerweather st, Cambridge, received a telegram yesterday from the War Department informing him of the death of his son, Roderick J. MacLean, on April 8, from wounds.

Young MacLean was a private in the 101st Infantry. He was 19 years old and when the war broke out was a member of Co. C, 5th Massachusetts, of Newton. He was a graduate of the Brighton High School. He is survived by his parents, two sisters, one of whom, Agnes, is a teacher in the Rice School in Boston, and in the Kelley Evening School in Cambridge, and by a younger brother.

How Chaplain Danker Was Wounded

Chaplain Danker was struck in the back by a large piece, and was badly wounded. Tonight, the surgeons think he cannot live, though he made a strong rally during the day. (His death was announced by cable. Ed.) His brother has just arrived at a town 50 miles from here, to do Y. M. C. A. work.

Further towards the front, a chance shell struck near Capt Harry Cormerais of Charlestown, formerly of the 5th Massachusetts. He, too, was badly wounded, but will recover, the doctors say.

Private Joseph J. Boughan, C Company, 101st Infantry, of Adams and Watertown streets, Newton, in action north of Verdun, Oct. 27, while advancing with the first wave, with another soldier, attacked a machine gun nest and killed two of the crew. He accomplished this feat only after a hand-to-hand encounter, in which he was severely wounded.

Was Himself Killed

Corporal George J. Spinney, C Company, 101st Infantry, of Faneuil terrace, Brighton, in action north of Verdun, Oct. 27, while advancing with the first wave, with another soldier, attacked a machine gun nest and killed two of the crew. While attempting to capture the remainder of the crew, this gallant officer was himself killed.

Sergeant Daniel O'Connor, C Company, 101st Infantry, of 150 Spencer street, Dorchester, in action north of Verdun, Oct. 27, encountering strong machine gun nests, while leading his platoon forward, ordered his men to take cover while he advanced alone. He flanked the nest and killed two of the enemy gunners, thereby enabling his platoon to resume the advance.

The 101st Regiment

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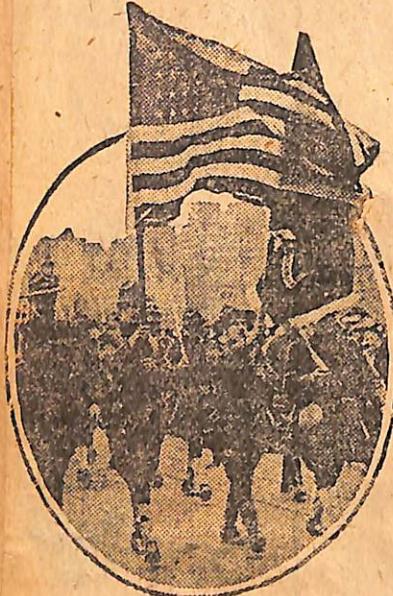
The World War

As Related by Capt. _____ to

W. C. SPARCO

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CHAPTER XVII.



THEEN days of comparatively easy life stretched before us after Maj. Hickey's raid. Many of the boys were given passes to go back to the town of Menil-le-Tour, where shows of all kinds were put on in the open air in the centre of the town every night.

These entertainments were held under the direction of Chaplain Connors, a young man from Holy Cross, who not only commanded respect by his calling and his admirable manners, but by his personal appearance. After one look at him there was not a man who did not like him.

Among these entertainments was a series of boxing bouts, in which our regiment had a number of boys entered, almost all of whom emerged victorious; "Al" Sears of the North end, "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson of Kerry Village and Jim ("Flabbo") McDonald of Milton were probably the most prominent.

McDonald was attached to the supply company of the 101st and was a fine soldier, as well as a hard-hitting athlete when in the ring. A man by the name of Duval was a big number in the fistic sports, and the 55th regiment of artillery was hailing him as the champion of Europe. Duval was a perfect specimen of manhood, exceptionally clever and possessed of a beautiful punch. He had knocked out nearly all his opponents, and when they called for a match between "Flabbo" and Duval there was great excitement. When a match was made the ~~participants weren't asked if they cared to box.~~ Chaplain Connors simply sent word that So-and-So was matched for such-and-such a night and he'd have to show up.

AIRSHIPS PLAYED ABOVE THE RING

A heavy-weight match always attracted attention more than the bouts between smaller boys, and the town of Menil-le-Tour was jammed the night McDonald boxed Duval. Airships soared over the big square like so many birds, and several times the dare-devils in the machines swooped down to within a few yards of the ring and then upward again into the sky.

The boys got into the ring about 7:30 o'clock. They both wore tights and shoes the same as in rings at home and with regulation-sized gloves.

Duval, more graceful and pleasing to watch than "Flabbo," stepped rapidly about the ring. McDonald stepped after him. He feinted a left for the body, crashed over his right and down went Duval 15 seconds after the bout had started.

To put it mildly, our boys went wild. The cheered the Milton street motorman until they were hoarse and carried him around on their shoulders. They dubbed him then and there "Champion of the Northwest of Toul." This all happened the evening of June 12, and three days later more excitement took place.

COL. LOGAN HAD NARROW ESCAPE

The boche started to sprinkle the towns around Bernecourt and a shell landed in the Rheanne woods. The band of the 104th infantry was resting there, and six members suffered the full shock of the big explosion. Needless to say, they all went west.

The next afternoon, Sunday, June 23, Col. Logan missed death by the narrowest of margins. The colonel was sitting at an open window in his headquarters at Bernecourt when a shell landed in the street just outside. In the room with the colonel were Capt. Henry Cormerais of Newton, now a member of Gen. Edwards's staff, and Lt. "Bill" Blake. Just as the shell whizzed to the ground, Col. Logan



Capt. Henry D. Cormerais of Newton, who was personnel officer of the 101st on Col. Logans's staff. Capt. Cormerais was tracing a map on the wall in a room with Col. Logan and Lt. Blake, when a shrapnel shell burst in the street. Two fingers were taken off Capt. Cormerais's right hand. Capt. Cormerais is now on Gen. Edward's staff here.

left his chair and walked across the room. A piece of steel came hurtling through the window he had left, and had he not quit his chair he would surely have been wounded or killed.

The piece of the shell shot across the room to where Capt. Cormerais was tracing a map on the wall. It hit his hand as he held the pencil, tore half the hand away, and another piece cut a gash in his side.

Blake was hit in the neck and ear by another piece of the shell. Both men were rushed to an ambulance to be hurried to the hospital. While being put in the machine, Lt. Parker Healy of Charlestown ripped open his first aid kit and did what he could for the men.

Capt. Cormerais was laid up for some time, and his recovery was heavily felt by Col. Logan, for he had just improved his training by study at the school at Godrecourt, and his work as an organizer was of tremendous value.

During the next week there was almost a constant rain of artillery and poison gas shells. On Wednesday, June 26, we were relieved from this sector by the 416th French infantry, and we were relieved and from there to outlying towns for a day's rest. Monday, July 1, found us marching 10 kilometres back to Toul, and entrained once more in those side-door Pullmans for Meaux.

It was beautiful weather, and as we were going in the direction of Paris we were all happy, shouting and singing, for a vacation in Paris was something we had all talked of and planned for. As our troop train passed through village after village, the natives rushed

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THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON, D. C. Dec. 4, 1918.

With reference to prior correspondence concerning Capt. Henry D. Cormerais, Co. G 101 Inf., who was reported wounded in action, I beg to advise you that it is reported under date of Sept. 21, 1918, that he has been transferred from Amer. Red Cross Conv. to the 101st Inf. Regt.

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Cross Conv. Hosp Biarritz, France, to Base Hospital #6
for treatment of gun shot wounds in the right hand and
upper arm.

Respectfully,
P. C. HARRIS,
The Adjutant General.

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A newsy sheet published every little while about things that happen and never happen, mostly never.

Editor—the Adjutant Assistant Editor—Doc. with Musical and Society—Cap't Murphy Sporting Editor—The major PooR Food Expert—Lt. Coleman Self HelP to the Sick—The Medical Officers District Correspondents—All Ossifers

NOTE Send your stories in promptly each morning.

The Adjutant is short a pair of type E glasses, the look out? Who borrowed them will KinK'Y return them to his StAte Orom.

The Carpenter is BuilDing a Collapsible boate for the Medical oFFicsirs, it will be furnished in abuot tin days so that the M. O's need worry no longer.

All Officers will turN in There Compasses to the AsSiStAnt Editer for Adjustment, Not later than noon September 13, 1719

The Major will take a few more pupils on in games of chance Bring all your money.

Capt. Hicokey insists that He can Play puss in the Ccrner, Lt. Walsh admits it AlSo.

The Editor will accept subscriptions in -BOOZE or CASH— BROKEN Packages BARRED.

Artillery LieutEnaMents are ReQuested to Take Courses in Climbing they must be able to obServed from the hiGh points and the opportunity for perFecting themselves is knockIng at their doors.

Lt. Smith Desires to know what h^e will do when the sigNal for all hand on deck is Blown. hE is afraid someone will step on them.

A Wire less is in the Adjutants office addressed to HOnEY BUNCh.

The musicale in the recreation rume was not as well attended on Tuesday nighs as it should have been.

There are a number of good entertainers on bOard SeND their names to the MUSICAL ediTor.

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Lt. HuTchins has found an officer TO play chess with. He sTaTes that it is great training for the mind. FISH is also a BRAIN food.

Dr. Lyons was quite pleased with THE present he found in hiS hand the other morning as he had just ben toald that horses that kanT stand up kant runaway.

It was not excessive religion that made Lt. Comerford kneel on The bathrume floor with eyes gazing fondly inTo the abyssmal DePTHS of the TUB.

The jade hath it !HAT the whirl is raising Hell wiTh the Com. Wonder what is in the Tea besides TOAST? Salve Jos-ephus.

Its a great LIFE if you don't WEaken???

Dr. Tibbets statoes that he is willing to Examine the EYES of the ship any time the C, O DeSiRes

A P O R F D Z Boc

The school of Porposse rAised some excitement when they joined the convoy,

Lt. Barrows is RACKING his bRAINS for something on the Adjutant. EVERYONE knows that the ADJutant's life is an open BoOk. He who can may read AND anything SAID about him cannot BE true.

The Major's school was not qUiTe as successful on Tuesday night as usual. One or two are taking a post-grAduate course.

The Adjutant desires to state that qis percentage has not BEEN turned in from the game that was going on in the Dinning Room TuesCay Nitgh.

If you don't like the speLling DON'T KICK the Editor is doing the BEST he can.

Don't Smoke in the Palm room after dark or in the passage leading to it. The orderly sleeps with one I open and states he will not bear anyone else's burdEns.

CAPTAIN COMERAIS IS BACK FROM FRANCE

Meets Members of Company C Auxillary at West Newton Armory on Monday Evening and Brings Word from Boys Overseas. Has Recovered from Severe Wounds Received at Front.

It is a far cry from the battlefields of France to the Commonwealth's armory at West Newton and if any one half a dozen years ago had ventured the prediction that some day a company of Newton boys would have passed through its portals to journey three thousand miles to uphold the Nation's honor on European soil his words would have wanted listeners

Time, however, has brought about just such a fact and how our boys have fought the Hun during the past twelve months is now a matter of history, a record of valiant service that will cause the 26th Division to be venerated during the ages to come.

For sixteen long months, or since that August day in 1917 when Company C marched out to go into camp at Camp Darling, Framingham, preparatory to embarking for France, that armory, as if a thing of flesh and blood, has awaited the return of its progeny, the olive drab clad boys of Newton, when they had accomplished the thing for which they went forth to attain, but on Monday evening this long period of absence seemed but a short lapse of time after all when was seen there, seated at his old desk, Captain Henry D. Cormerais, battle-scarred but with the customary genial smile on his face, surrounded by 150 or more of the mothers, wives and sisters of the Newton boys, members of the Women's Auxiliary of Company C, who had assembled to welcome home the former captain and to learn through him of their loved ones so far away.

Captain Cormerais rather unexpectedly arrived home last Friday and is the first of the regimental captains to return. The story of his being wounded at Bernecourt, last June, when a shell exploding just outside a gathering of regimental officers blew off half of his right hand, tore his right arm and furrowed a deep gash in his back has already been told in the TIMES.

A memento of this experience he proudly exhibits in the shape of a flattened out officers' whistle which he carried in the breast pocket of his tunic when he was hit. A piece of shrapnel which battered the whistle and fitting into it perfectly was also

exhibited by him.

In speaking rather reluctantly of the incident, Monday evening, he said: "It all happened in a few moments, I suppose, but it was, to my mind, some time before I realized I had been hit. It felt as if someone had struck me on the back of the hand with a stout stick and that I had been kicked in the side. Strange I did not feel the wound in my upper arm.

"They had but just got me inside a dugout and placed me on a cot when another German shell blew down the dugout door. I must have had my luck with me for if it had come a few seconds sooner it would have done the job for all of us. The next day they took me over a road there that had been shelled all morning. Honestly, the German artillery fire ceased while our ambulance was passing through, and it began immediately after we passed."

Captain Cormerais told his eager audience some of the many exploits of the boys of Company C from the time they sailed from Hoboken, N. J., so many months ago as a unit of the 101st Infantry, up to the time when he was assigned as zone major with jurisdiction over officers in charge of sanitation and service in various towns, after which he was not very closely in touch with his old command.

He had nothing but praise, however, for the conduct of the boys whom he had led away from this city and spoke in highest terms of his superior officers of the 101st Regiment. "I do not believe," he added, "there ever was an officer more honored and blest with a finer aggregation of splendid fighting men and the boys of the 101st certainly played the game and played it well."

Following the gathering at the armory Captain Cormerais dropped in at a meeting of the Newton Committee on Public Safety where he received another demonstration of the gratitude in which he is held by the people of Newton.

Goldfish Dyed to Order.

Artificial coloring of goldfish by keeping them in water containing certain chemicals is extensively carried on in Sicily.

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H. A. Beck

DAY, JULY 26

A SERVICE

NEWTON PEOPLE PROTEST CAMP OF SOLDIERS

Newton people were incensed today because some of the prominent citizens protested to Mayor Childs against the members of H Company, Fifth Regiment, camping in Clafin Field.

Mayor Childs declares that the action taken by the remonstrants against the soldiers is "outrageous."

By noon the protest had simmered down to three families because of the storm of indignation aroused. The chief reasons for the protest are:

1—Bugle calls at 5:30 a. m. and at intervals during the day.

2—Sanitary arrangements.

3—Trespassing on property by the soldiers.

The three remonstrants live on Elm road, which faces Clafin Field.

STRONG OBJECTION.

Mrs. Charles M. Howell, whose home on Elm road faces the field, was one of those who made a strong protest. When asked her objections, she said:

"The sanitary conditions would be the main reason, and another would be the bugle calls early in the morning; we would be unable to sleep and the men would be running over our land. Those are my strongest objections."

Mayor Edwin O. Childs, when told of the cause of the protests, this morning, said:

"Our soldier boys should not be asked to fight for democracy in France, but right here in Newton. Today is the time for sacrifice and all citizens of any town should be proud to have their soldiers in camp near their home. Newton is for democracy, first, last and always."

ATTITUDE "SHAMEFUL."

General James G. White, M. V. M., a tireless chairman of the Newton Public Safety Committee, when asked his attitude regarding the protests, said: "I think that the attitude that has been taken by the people living in the vicinity of Clafin Field is shameful. I am sorry that any of our prominent citizens should take this stand in a matter as important as this one is."

"We should be willing to put up with anything at this time. I shall see that our soldier boys are looked after and all of their comforts and happiness considered."

"The Public Safety Committee, of which I am a member, will look after families as well. I am sure that every member of the committee would be glad to have the soldiers camping in their back yards."

IS READY FOR MOBILIZATION

Company C Awaits Order on Wednesday Next. Likely to Spend Several Days at Armory Before Going Into Camp.

On Wednesday of next week, orders for mobilization of the Fifth Regiment, M. N. G., already issued, will be carried out by the local unit of that regiment, Company C, which is recruited to full war strength and ready for any service at the command of the Government.

Capt. Cormerais' command has performed splendid work at the weekly drills and is second to none in the State for military efficiency. The greater part of the company saw several months service at the Mexican border a year ago and in consequence of this they know exactly what is to be expected of them when mustered into the United States service early next month.

The company has increased its membership by one since the complete list of members was published in the Times last week, a mascot in the shape of a very lively goat having been presented to the company by Mr. Henry Crowell of this city. "Billy" has been well trained for military service and at drill stands at attention well in the rear of the company surveying the alignment and woe to the rookie in the rear rank who fails to keep the line straight.

Battery B, First Regiment Field Artillery, the Newton-Brookline battery, formerly designated as Battery F, will also mobilize next Wednesday, at the Commonwealth Armory at Allston. All Massachusetts units of the National Guard, it is understood, will be sent as soon as practical to Charlotte, N. C., where the camp has been designated as Camp Greene, after Gen. Nathaniel Greene of the Continental Army.

Company C will probably spend several days at the West Newton Armory after mobilization, until arrangements can be made for an outdoor camp until the time orders are received to entrain for the South. It seems to be the prevailing opinion among the guardsmen that their stay in the Southern camp will not be a long one before embarking for their ultimate training camp in France.

Company C, Fifth Regiment

M. N. G.

Officers

H. D. Cormerais, Brookline
Walter G. Barrows, Newton
Ed. Edmunds, Jr., Auburndale
Arthur L. Taffe, Auburndale
Frank L. Randall, Faneuil
Wm. M. Breen, Brighton
John J. Pendegast, Wel. Hills
James D. Phillips, N. H'lands
Edward J. Cannon, N. H'lands
George Henrikus, N. Centre
John A. MacClellan, Auburnd'e
Raymond F. Gibbons, W. N.
Robert L. Cunningham, W. N.
Raymond W. Taffe, Auburnd'e
David L. Keele, Newton
Nicholas Bibbo, Newton
Jas. J. McDevitt, Brighton.
Wesley F. Pease, Jr., N. C.
Andy E. May, Watertown
Harold W. Trefry, W. Newton
Harry E. Nordstrom, W. N.
Albert H. Randall, Newtonville
John B. Moran, N. U. F.
Raymond M. Williams, W. N.
John F. Faherty, N. Hgds.
Clement I. Barry, W. N.
Chas. G. Henrikus, N. Centre
Paul M. Fitzgerald, N. C.
Ernest W. Ashworth, Brighton
Albert J. Considine, N'vile.
Kariton K. Priest, Lynn.
Thomas Hickey, Newton
Arthur V. Tornrose, Kentucky
Frank S. Farrell, Allston
chanic Matthew J. Hurley Newton
chanic Harold T. Boyd, N'vile.

Bugler, Wm. P. Foley, N. Centre
Bugler, John W. Vogel, Newton.

First Class Privates

Henry A. Fernley, Faneuil
James W. Fitzgerald, N. U. F.
David Fried, Newton.
Henry J. Galvin, Cambridge
Arthur L. Gaw, West Newton
Patrick J. Greene, N. U. Falls
Rosario F. Guzzi, West Newton
Edward C. Lawless, Brighton
Edwin J. Lilley, Revere
George T. Maxwell, N. Centre
James N. Muldoon, Faneuil.
Amos Oldfield, Auburndale
James F. Regan, Newton Centre
James A. Saunders, West Newton
George F. Spinney, Brighton
Joseph J. Stone, West Newton
Leonard R. Travis, Jamaica Plain
Gerald V. Uniacke, Newton Centre
Leslie A. Vining, Newton
William D. Ward, Newton.
Fred L. Wolkins, Allston
Fred Chase, Dedham.
William J. Wolfe, Newton.

CORMERAIS C CAPTAIN

Lieut. Henry D. Cormerais of company H, 5th regiment, M. V. M., of Charlestown, last night was unanimously elected captain of company C, Newton, to succeed Capt. Phillip B. Bruce, retired. Capt. Cormerais has been in the militia for the past eight years.

Privates

Harry S. Acton, Faneuil.
Angelo T. Annoelli, Newton
George Atamian, N. U. Falls.
Harold A. Bailey, Newton Centre
Victor G. Bergendohl, Watertown
John M. Bolger, Brighton
Joseph F. Boughan, Newton
Raymond G. Bryson, W. Newton
James T. Buckley, Newton
Leonard L. Burgess, Pocasset
Harold A. Burns, Newton Centre
Edward E. Carley, West Newton
Lewis R. Carley, West Newton
Charles J. Charlton, Newton
Samuel J. Chisholm, W. Newton
Millard P. Cole, Brighton
Joseph L. Condrin, West Newton
William Corbett, Newton
Edward J. Doherty, Newton Centre
Russell C. Doming, N. U. Falls
Patrick J. Driscoll, N. U. Falls.
Joseph R. Ducharme, Newton
John H. Fahey, Watertown
Frederic Fisher, N. U. Falls.
James M. Fitzgerald, Brighton
John M. Fogarty,
Albert R. Foley, West Newton
Joseph D. Foley, Newton Centre
Joseph Flaherty, Brighton
James W. Francis, Waltham
Augustus J. Furdon, N. Highlands
Robert J. Ganley, W. Newton
Harold H. Haffey, W. Newton
Archie J. Henley, West Newton
William Hewitt, Newton
Donald R. Higgins, Watertown
Carl Holst, Boston
Raymond T. Hurley, N. U. Falls
Alfred W. Hyatt, Auburndale
Ralph W. Hyatt, Auburndale
Thomas F. Irving, N. U. Falls
Charles R. Jefferson, West Newton
Walter F. Jenkins, Newton
Willis E. Jenkins, N. U. Falls.
Elmer J. Johnson, Roslindale
Michael J. Joyce, Brighton
Miles J. Joyce, Newton
Edward Kelley, Newton
Frederick W. Kenney, Needham
Arthur Lane, West Newton
Alvin LaRock, Newton Centre
Edgar C. Lehman, Newton
Arthur E. Levesque, Newton Centre
George E. Levesque, Newton Centre
Joseph F. Laughlin, Newtonville
John J. MacDonald, Brighton
Joseph T. McElroy, Newton
Frank McKeen, Newton Centre
Frank McLaughlin, N. U. Falls.
Roderick J. McLean, Brighton
Henry D. McLean, Newton
William J. McGrail, Brighton
Joseph A. McNeil, Newton
John J. Manning, Watertown
Morrill H. Manter, West Newton
Walter J. Monaghan, Newton Centre
Thomas J. Mullaney, Newton Centre
Charles E. Neal, Newton
Harry E. Parker, Burrage, Mass.
Edward J. Pendegast, Newton
Albert Ravinski, N. U. Falls
Matthew C. Raymond, West Newton
Ernest S. Redding, Brookline
Edward B. Rielley, West Newton
Joseph W. Richards, N. U. Falls
Francis J. Smythe, Watertown
William J. Shields, Jr., Watertown
Edward H. Sullivan, Newton Centre
Robert J. Thompson, West Newton
Thomas A. Tolan, West Newton
John H. Travers, Watertown
Harold W. Walker, N. U. Falls
William J. Walker, N. U. Falls
Daniel J. Waugh, Jr., N. U. Falls
Joseph P. Whalen, West Newton
James P. White, Brighton
Frank L. Wilcox, Waltham
Edward R. Woodfin, Allston
John T. Wolfe, Newton
Edward Walsh, Brighton

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After months of hard work in recruiting and equipping, as well as contributing liberally to Company funds for possible luxuries, there is good reason for persons interested in the personnel and future of Company C of the Fifth Regiment, to be indignant at orders which split this company up into two parts, and merging one portion into the ranks of a company from a not over desirable part of the state. Just why the Fifth Regiment was merged with the Ninth, instead of having the Ninth merged with the Fifth is one of these things which no one seems able to explain. The Fifth Regiment is fully recruited. It is said that the Ninth is not so well recruited or organized, so it would seem more reasonable to have the Fifth Regiment form the nucleus of the new organization, rather than the Ninth. The division of the local Company will certainly reduce the great interest which has been aroused up to the present time, and will probably make itself felt in many other ways.

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Banquet to C. Co. of Fifth by Newton Men
Members of C Company, Fifth Regiment, and their women friends will be entertained at a banquet tomorrow night at the company's camp grounds in Newtonville. The Newton Home Guard, numbering 850 men, are to be the hosts and have voted \$1000 for the banquet.

the local news published ...

The Twenty-Sixth Division

The new Twenty-Sixth Division of the Massachusetts National Guard is fortunate in having a divisional staff so carefully selected as is that which the divisional commander, General Logan, has just announced. Of the staff as a whole it can be said in all moderation that no abler group of officers has yet been assembled for this purpose by the divisional commander of any other State. The endeavor of General Logan has obviously been to select those officers of the Guard who by training, experience and distinguishing traits of character can discharge the duties that fall to a divisional staff with best advantage to the division as a whole. Furthermore, his appointments call new attention to the wisdom with which Governor Cox acted when he finally ordered the organization of the new division and promoted General Logan to its command.

From today the Guardsman of Massachusetts who is not a member of the new division may well count himself out of luck. For the Massachusetts National Guard from today will be as strong as the Twenty-Sixth Division is strong, and the military effort of the Commonwealth must be to make the division worthy in every way to conserve and enhance the traditions of Massachusetts in the matter of national defense.

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spoke.

These are the organization: Ex-Congressman Frederick S. Deitrick, president; John J. Mahoney, vice president; William J. McKeever, secretary.

CAPT CORMERAIS TALKS

TO RELATIVES OF SOLDIERS

NEWTON, Dec 9—Capt Henry D. Cormerais, formerly of Co C, 101st Infantry, and now of Headquarters Company of 101st Infantry, spoke tonight in the West Newton Armory to the Women's Auxiliary of Co C. Capt Cormerais was recently wounded and has just arrived from France. He told the mothers and sisters of the boys of the exploits of the company.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER

RECEPTION IS ARRANGED

Public Safety Committee to Give Newton People Opportunity to Welcome Captain Cormerais Next Week.

The Public Safety Committee has arranged a public reception to Captain Henry D. Cormerais of Company C, 101st Infantry. Captain Cormerais was seriously wounded in France and has just returned home. The reception will be held in the armory at West Newton, Thursday evening, December 19, at 8 o'clock. There will be a band concert, speeches of welcome and a talk on his experiences by Captain Cormerais. It is expected that Newton will give a wonderful reception to the man who led her boys to France.

MCKINTOSH—HAWKINS

took place

DAISIES SWELL FUND

Capt. Cormerais Unit of 101st Regiment Auxiliary Association Performs Great Work Saturday

At least every other person wore a daisy on Saturday when the drive to raise \$100,000 for the 101st Regiment Fund was carried out locally as well as elsewhere in a most successful manner.

The Captain Cormerais Unit of the 101st Auxiliary Association had charge of the campaign in the Newtons, this district including Watertown, Brighton, and Needham as well, and the total amount raised in the district to date is \$4,022.78.

Girls in white and wearing natty caps were everywhere selling the daisies, and they were assisted in the drive by Lieutenant Moyse of Waltham, who has just returned from the front. He, together with Mayor Childs, covered the city in an automobile, speaking in each of the sections of the district.

Twenty buglers from the Arsenal also assisted by driving through the district in an auto. At Brighton and Allston Miss Teresa Sullivan and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Fitzgerald, with a group of 60 telephone operators, took charge of the district and accomplished great results.

The Newton Trust Company's branch at Newton Centre and the Market Trust Company's branch at Allston acted as receivers for the fund, the former sending a check to the Unit for \$3,107.11, and the latter \$917.67, these amounts representing the collections deposited with them.

The local drive was in charge of Mrs. Henry I. Cormerais, captain of the Unit, with Mrs. J. L. Hoey in charge of headquarters, Mrs. Wendell assisting, and with the following lieutenants: Mrs. Guy McKinney, Waban; Mrs. Arthur Pearson, Newton Centre; Miss Emma J. Edmunds, Auburndale; Mrs. Arthur L. Gaw, Newton; Mrs. J. E. Reinharter, West Newton; Miss May Hickey, Nonantum; Miss Marion Gifford and Mrs. Jessie M. Barry, Newtonville; Miss Agnes P. Shields, Watertown; Miss Madeline S. Sewall, Needham; Mrs. Patrick Driscoll, Upper Falls; Mrs. J. F. Faherty, Newton Highlands.

The general thanks of the Unit are extended to those outside the auxiliary who helped to make the drive so great a success.

Lieutenant George Moyce of Waltham of the 101st infantry, will speak in the different squares of Newton Saturday evening, September 7, on the occasion of the drive to raise \$100,000 for the fund for this regiment. Lieut. Moyce has just returned from France, and will bring the greetings of the regiment and give some account of their experiences, so far as time may permit. He will be taken about by automobile, and much interest will be felt all over the city to hear his news from the boys. September 7 is the anniversary of the departure of the regiment for France.

Letters from Newton Boys in France with I

Captain Cormerais Writes

October 4, 1917.

Honorable Edwin O. Childs,
City Hall, West Newton, Mass.

Dear Mr. Childs:

I suppose you have been wondering why I did not write but things have been coming pretty fast. Unfortunately for you possibly, we cannot write anything of military interest but I can talk about the personal affairs of the men generally.

We had a trip of twelve days which became tiresome toward the end, the men of our company being located on the best boat of the convoy. Of course they were crowded and suffered much discomfort but this was necessary on account of the service. After landing we went to a rest camp for a while and we are now in what appears to be a permanent station.

I have not been assigned to any company as yet and have a staff job, being located in the same town with the men and keep in touch with them all the time. None of the men have gotten into any serious trouble so far and I am hoping that they will keep up their record.

It is unfortunate that the men have not yet received their pay but it is expected now very shortly and they will be very well off in this part of the country.

I wish that arrangements could be made to keep sending tobacco and cigarettes, especially the latter. Have the packages made up with each man's name on it. The list is with the Public Safety Committee and address them in one big package to me and I will see that they are distributed. The fact that each man's name is on the package may seem a little more work for someone, but it will make the gifts a little more individual.

There has not been time for the men to get homesick as yet owing to the newness of everything.

We are located in one of the oldest towns in the country and it is like stepping into ancient history to see all the queer streets and buildings. The mayor of the town, whenever there is a ceremony, puts on a full dress suit and wears a sash across his shirt front. He is quite a dignified looking personage. The streets here are very narrow and run up and down hill, there being barely enough space for two wagons to pass. They are very clean which is not always the case in some towns.

Give my regards to the City of Newton and tell them that we hope Newton will be proud of the men who represent her over here as we were among the first troops to come to this side.

Sincerely,
H. D. CORMERAIS

I sent this to

THE NEWTON TIMES

Fritz's Idea of a Greeting to Americans



Photograph of group of Germans found on one of members of group after their capture by French

Newton Boys in the Service

Notes About Those in Khaki Whom We Know

AGAIN WITH COMPANY C

The many friends of Captain Cormerais and of the Newton boys overseas will be glad to learn that the captain is once more with his old command, C Company, of the 101st Regiment. Although not in command of the company, which was consolidated with a company of the former 9th Regiment before leaving Framingham, the captain resumes his affiliation with the regiment after acting in another important capacity for several months past.

ARMY AND NAVY

As Director of this Bureau I am instructed by His Excellency, Governor Samuel W. McCall, to express to you on behalf of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts her deepest sympathy. The Governor is keenly aware of the great sacrifice you have made for your Country and wishes you to accept his personal condolences.

OBJECTS TO GIVING CHAPLAIN PRESENT

Says Marblehead Should Save for Disabled Men

James Martin, a member of the public safety committee of Marblehead, in a letter sent to the newspapers of the town, criticises the members of the board of selectmen for making an appropriation for the purchase of a gift to be presented Chaplain Lyman Rollins of the 101st regiment, who is now in this country on a special mission.

Martin, who has a son in the army and another in the navy, thinks that the money appropriated by the selectmen last Monday night for the purpose of a reception in honor of Chaplain Rollins, should be held up because of the fact that there are 150 Marblehead boys doing foreign service, who may be sent home at any time in a crippled condition, and that the town has made no provision for their care. He thinks that to expend money for the purchase of a gift would cause feeling among the relatives of 350 men of Marblehead who are in the service, either at home or abroad.

Mr. Martin's letter to the press concludes as follows:

"Chaplain Rollins, the man, the hero, has proven his worth by personal sacrifice for his brother man upon the battlefield, the discomfort of the trenches, the horrors of No Man's Land, the hospital scenes and the burial service, not to mention the scarcity of food and water at times for even bodily necessities; these privations, sufferings and agonies of his fellow-fighters must be fresh in his mind, and if I know the man he will be the first to cry 'I only want done unto me what you would do unto others; pomp and display under the present trying conditions of my brother fighters for right are not welcomed by me.'"

WILL RAISE \$100,000 FOR 101ST REGIMENT

\$100,000 WANTED

Drive Begins Next Week for Regimental Fund for the 101st Regiment

Old Company C of the 5th Massachusetts regiment, the company which contains our Newton boys in the regular army, is now part of Company C of the 101st Infantry, now on service in France.

September 7 has been fixed by the friends of that regiment as the date for the drive to raise \$100,000 for a regimental fund.

Members of the 101st Infantry Auxiliary and Associates are confident that not only will the total be raised

on that date but that the hosts of friends and admirers of Colonel Logan's boys will exceed the figure set.

The money is badly needed by the association that looks after the little comforts and needs of the 101st soldiers in France. September 7 is the first anniversary of the day the troops left for France.

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To prepare for the coming year \$20,000 worth of wool has been contracted for to be used for sweaters, socks, etc. Four thousand special trench kits are in course of completion. The kits represent a suggestion of Chaplain Lyman Rollins on his return from the front. They must be renewed at least every three months.

Four thousand "cootie shirts" are being manufactured. The shirts are made of gauze, chemically treated, and according to Canadians who have been using them for the past three years, are the only device that will give a soldier relief from trench lice. There are many other ways in which the welfare of the soldiers is guarded by the association.

The regiment is recruited from 31 cities and towns, and 15 nationalities are to be found in the ranks. In every one of these municipalities on September 7 the drive will be held. Organizations representing each of the 15 nationalities will have workers actively engaged.

Girls dressed in white will either be stationed in prominent places or will visit every place of business as well as factories. Each of the 700 girls will carry a white cardboard box upon which will be printed: "101st Infantry, U. S. A. 12 Months' Foreign Service."

The girls will have small artificial boutonnieres representing a daisy, on the stem of which is tied a tiny red, white and blue ribbon. Tied to the stem will be a card bearing the above inscription. These will be given to contributors.

The drive in Newton will be under the direction of the Newton Auxiliary.

Members of Regimental Auxiliary and Associates Planning for Big Drive on September 7. Headquarters for Capt. Cormerais Unit at Local Armory.

The 101st Auxiliary is about as active a home organization as exists among relatives and friends of any special regiment. Old Company C of Newton, as well as our artillery company, is in this regiment.

Newton men and women have not been particularly active in the Auxiliary, but the time has come when they should be. The undersigned will gladly hand in the names of those who will join. The dues are \$3 annually. The drive of September 7 is well organized by responsible persons. The Captain Cormerais Unit of Newton will have charge of the drive in this section, and the West Newton armory will be headquarters for the day.

WILLIAM F. GARCELON.

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TURDAY, MARCH 4.

McCALL HONORED AT RECEPTION

Throng Attends Ball
of Co C, Newton.

Brilliant Uniforms and Gowns
Displayed at Armory.

Many Guests at Dinner at
Brae-Burn Club.

Special Dispatch to the Globe.

NEWTON, March 3.—The reception to Gov. McCall and Lieut. Gov. Coolidge in the State Armory at West Newton this evening afforded the most brilliant scene ever witnessed by the society of this city. The armory was taxed to its capacity, the staff of Gov. McCall, hundreds of officers of the State Militia and their wives, Regular Army and Naval officers, together with representatives of semimilitary organizations of the State, being present.

Long before the arrival of Gov. McCall, who, with the military guests, was entertained at dinner at the Brae-Burn Club, his approach was made known by the flashing of a large electric flag over the stage. In the Governor's party were Mrs. McCall, Miss Margaret McCall and Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Coolidge.

With the Governor in the receiving line was Lieut. Gov. Coolidge, Mayor Edwin O. Childs and Capt. Henry D. Cormerais. The members of Co. C, 5th Regiment, acted as escort.

The success of the affair is due to the untiring efforts of William F. Garcelon, who several months ago agreed to assist Capt. Cormerais in staging the big military ball for the benefit of Co. C, known years ago as the "Claffin Guards."

The committee in charge comprised William F. Garcelon, chairman of the executive committee; Gen. James G. White, chairman of the reception committee; Col. Morton E. Cobb, chief usher; Harry L. Ayer, floor manager; Louis D. Gibbs, chairman of the publicity committee; Capt. Payson T. Lowell, chairman of the printing committee; Alfred H. Wing, chairman of the refreshment committee; ticket committee, Edwin M. Richards, chairman; Thomas Weston Jr., Capt. Cormerais.

Col. Morton E. Cobb was chief usher, and he was assisted by 50 others.

Many at Brae-Burn.

Among the party entertained at dinner at the Brae-Burn Club were Mr. and Mrs. McCall, Miss Margaret McCall, Miss Helena Bellas, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns, Gen. and Mrs. James G. White, Maj. and Mrs. William Chamberlain, U. S. A., Capt. and Mrs. W. R. Rush, United States Navy, Capt. and Mrs. Cormerais, Col. and Mrs. Morton E. Cobb, Capt. J. A. Lowell Blake, Capt. Richard Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Donham, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Hubbard, Lieut. Gov. and Mrs. Coolidge, Mr. and Mrs. Garcelon, Henry Hopewell, Miss K. McCall, Maj. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. Dillingham, Mr. Emerson, Col. Sherburne, Mrs. Hallett, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hopewell, Mr. and Mrs. Loveland, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Gibbs, Mrs. Emerson, H. L. Ayer, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Prescott Warren, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Merrill, Mr. and Mrs. George Walker, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Beatey, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Priest.

Prominent among the officers present at the ball were Lieut. Henry Naval, Attleboro; Lieut. Osborn Palmer, Peabody; Maj. Benjamin B. Shedd, Medford; Lieut. Francis J. O'Kane, Chestnut Hill; Capt. J. Holman Pryor, West Newton; Lieut. Chester A. Baker, Boston; Inspector Gen. George H. Benyon, Watertown; Capt. Arthur W. Burton, Cambridge; Lieut. J. J. Healy, Natick; Capt. Thos. F. Williams, Attleboro; Lieut. J. D. Murphy, Natick; Ensign George W. Walsh, Boston; Lieut. Augustus P. Coleman, Allston; Capt. D. J. Murphy, Natick; Lieut. Harold A. Murch, Dorchester; Capt. James F. Hickey, Natick; Maj. William J. Keville, Belmont; Maj. F. L. Bogan, Dorchester; Lieut. W. K. Kilpatrick, Navy Yard; Maj. C. E. Hamilton, Waltham; T. Gaines Roberts, U. S. N., Boston; Lieut. Harold S. Wonson, Waban; Ensign T. G. Birrell, Boston; Capt. K. B. Hartman, Watertown; Lieut. Col. Edward G. Glines, Somerville; Lieut. George O. Parker, Framingham; Dr. John W. Baker, U. S. N.; Lieut. A. B. Quinton, Fort Warren; Capt. H. S. Holbrook, Malden; Maj. Harry L. Morse, Watertown; Lieut. L. Sequin, Watertown; Ensign H. J. Lund, Concord; Lieut. Franz A. Doniat, Watertown; Capt. B. E. Wood, Boston; Capt. W. R. Rush, Charlestown; Capt. E. F. Landy, Framingham; Lieut. A. E. Rhoades, Maj. Kingsley A. Burnham, Boston; Lieut. Charles C. Campbell, Boston; Col. Frank P. Williams, Brookline; Maj. Francis Meredith, Somerville; G. M. Stackhouse, Cambridge; Maj. Wesson, Watertown; Lieut. Henry W. Harns, Boston; Maj. Patrick J. McNamara, Cambridge; Capt. James R. Taylor, Middleton; Lieut. Fred R. Robinson, Wakefield; Lieut. Basil D. Edwards, Cambridge; Capt. Conrad H. Gerlach, Boston, and Maj. George H. Manks.

Brilliant Costumes.

Noted during the reception were many handsome gowns, a partial list of which and their wearers follow:

Mrs. Samuel W. McCall, trained gown of white rhadame satin with motifs of silver broderies.

Miss Katherine McCall, gown of azure blue satin meteor and Spanish lace.

Miss Helena Bellas, rose satin over white lace flounced in passementeries.

Mrs. F. M. Richards, blue satin meteor brocade, edged with fur and scarfed in lilac satin.

Mrs. M. Summer Holbrook, rose and blue satin, veiled in shadow lace.

Miss Caro Campbell, white taffetas, veiled in tulle, with poppy corsage.

Mrs. Frank Stuart, black and silver brocade over black tulle.

Mrs. Charles Wing, silver satin, black tulle and gold lace, scarfed in pastel lace.

Miss Helen Taylor, brocade with van-dykes of gold lace.

Mrs. James T. Hickey, green taffetas, with shadow lace.

Mrs. James B. Young, dawn pink satin flounced with Oriental lace.

Mrs. D. B. Jefferson, salmon satin with silver lace and tulle, valley lilies.

Mrs. H. J. Nichols, white satin meteor and girdle of cloth of silver.

Mrs. George Moyes, shrimp satin and scarfs of blue.

Miss Nellie Regan, blue chiffon, in tunic mode, and pearl garniture.

Mrs. Sydney Brown, black jetted lace with clusters of forgetmenots.

Mrs. Frank Whittier, black Spanish lace over rose pink.

Mrs. A. W. Chamberlain, violet crepe de chine and watteau drape of gold lace.

Mrs. Grace McCafferty, blue satin in polonaise drape, with shade lace.

Miss Gladys Wyman, sun ray plaited taffeta, with cadet blue tunic and gold lace.

Mrs. H. K. Hallett, black crepe ilisse with drape of lace.

Mrs. Charles R. Lynde, white satin and silver lace.

Mrs. Chester Baker, decollete gown of black velvet, with jets.

Mrs. John R. Sanborn, white satin, veiled in tulle and pearl garniture.

Mrs. Frank L. Richardson, blue satin meteor and strappings of blue and orchid tulle.

Mrs. Charles E. Nally, gold chiffon flounced with gold lace, and farthingale bands of taffetas.

Miss Dorothy Faxon, white satin meteor gaged gown with drape of Spanish lace.

Mrs. B. F. Kenney, violet satin, veiled in brown Spanish lace.

Mrs. E. T. Fearing, peace gray satin, with cuirasse coat of opalescent crystals.

Miss Elizabeth Sawyer, rose taffetas, and maline of blue tints.

Mrs. Samuel L. Powers, white velvet, scarfed in green satin.

Mrs. W. J. Follette, black velvet, with watteau train of and corsage drapes of brilliant broderied tulle.

Mrs. C. M. Boyden, white faille francise, with motifs of silver and revers of crystallace.

Mrs. M. L. Madden, oriental tints of

lace
Mr. G. W. Dufren, violet broche ve
vet, over lilac chiffon, and the corsage
restored with brillants.

Mrs. Duncan Stuart, black satin, veiled
with black tulle.

Mrs. Daniel M. Goodrich, black lace,
over rose, with touches of gold em
broderies.

Miss M. A. Donovan, cerise velvet,
en traine, with gold lace strappings.

Miss Marlon Jones, blue crepe de chine,
with corsage of violets.

Mrs. Frederick J. Fessenden, double
tunic gown of white tulle, with silver
and chenille embroideries.

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TELEGRAMS

Lt. Col. Henry D. Cormerais, new commander of the "Ancients" claims the honor of having more grandchildren than any other man in Newton. His "grandchildren" are, however, the children of the "boys" who served in his company during the war. Few war-time commanders have the interests of their "boys" more at heart than "the Skipper" as he is called by them. There is a bond of genuine affection between the "boys" and the "Skipper" that is probably unsurpassed in the country. The "boys" are tickled pink at the latest honor conferred on their old leader.

WOMEN PLAN FAIR FOR NEWTON BOYS IN FRANCE

A fair is to be held by the Women's Auxiliary for Company C of the 5th regiment, in Odd Fellows Hall, West Newton, next Saturday afternoon and evening. The proceeds are to be turned over to the members of the old company C of the 5th regiment, now in C company of the 101st in France.

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SPLENDID RECEPTION IS GIVEN CAPTAIN CORMERAIS

West Newton Armory Filled with Those Who Came to Hear of Newton Boys Overseas. Hon. Robert Luce, Mayor Childs and Others Speak. "Company C Men Paid Well Deserved Tribute."

Over 2000 people gave Captain Henry D. Cormerais, the former commander of Company C, 5th Regiment, the Newton company, a rousing reception at the West Newton armory, last Thursday evening. The arrangements for the reception were in the hands of the Newton Committee on Public Safety, who were assisted by the officers and men of Company A, 11th Regiment, M. S. G., in caring for the details of the evening.

The Newton Constabulary Band,



CAPT. H. D. CORMERAIS

in the balcony, furnished patriotic and popular music for the occasion and several addresses were interspersed with community singing under the leadership of Mr. Alfred Hallam, musical director of the War Camp Community Service.

Following the speaking many took occasion to greet Captain Cormerais who has but very recently returned from service in France where he was severely wounded.

With a few words General James G. White presented as the chairman of the evening, Mr. William F. Gar-

elon, chairman of the Committee on Public Safety. Mr. Garcelon reviewed some of the major activities of the Committee during the past two years, such as the food production committee, the co-ordination of aid committee which had well provided for the comforts of the Newton boys before leaving the city, and other sub-committees. He also spoke of the work now being carried on relative to the compiling of the military records of all the Newton boys in the service to be filed with the city's archives for future reference.

Mayor Childs was then introduced and spoke in highest terms of Newton's part in the great war both by those in the service and by those in civil pursuits at home. During his remarks the mayor said:

"Our purpose here tonight is to honor a soldier and the citizens of Newton are ever ready to honor her soldiers, living or dead. Since we last met here with Captain Cormerais we have had experiences both tragic and glorious. We have tasted sorrow and met with loss but we have also had joy and gaiety. The bonds of unity in this city have been much strengthened. There isn't so much snobbishness or bigotry as a year ago.

"Here in Newton while Captain Cormerais has been away we have got together with much profit to our city. We honor Captain Cormerais.

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will make an important
Police Commissioner.

SPLENDID RECEPTION IS GIVEN CAPTAIN CORMERAIS

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as the representative of all our boys and who have gone out to fight for freedom, equality and fraternity. Bound bears the price mark of war and we thank God for bringing him back to us. The Captain is a manly soldier and there is nothing finer in the world than him over."

Congressman-elect Robert Luce was next introduced and said in part:

"While we must not forget the activities of the rest of the Allies yet we cannot lose sight of the fact that we were permitted to cast the deciding lot that turned the day. We rejoice for the freedom we have gained. But far more than that we have gained unity and have sunk

"Not since the days of the Crusaders, hundreds of years ago have we seen a people rise in all their might to fight to save the world for the rights of all mankind." Not the least of the blessings brought about by the war, he added, has been the breaking down of class distinctions in this country and the unity of those of different races and creeds in one common purpose.

With the introduction of Captain Cormerais to his audience, came a veritable barrage of cheers which also greeted the names of Newton boys, whom from time to time he recalled by some exploit during the course of his talk. He reviewed the experiences of the local company from the time it left Newton in August, 1917, to the time when the boys now scattered in various commands took their place in the front line trenches and became full-fledged veterans within a few short weeks.

Although personally not in command of the company since its being merged with C Company of the Ninth to form C Company of the 101st Regiment, Captain Cormerais has always kept in close touch with the Newton boys, being attached as he was to the headquarters of that regiment.

Upon the regiment's arrival on French soil, he said, the men went to a rest billet for a week before proceeding to the place where their training area had been laid out. The people opened their homes to the men and they never had any cause to regret doing so. The training was intensely hard as the men were now getting ready for real warfare. The men perhaps at first cursed the higher authority because they were given so hard a task to accomplish but afterwards when called upon to the limit of endurance they thanked those same ones in authority for having given them so excellent a preparation. For weeks, he said, it was practice with hand and rifle grenades, instruction in automatic weapons, bayonet combat and a very little close order drill, so when the boys were ready to leave for the trenches they were trained athletes, every one of them. Cold weather had broken when the boys went out for final instruction. When they arrived at the front trenches, 7 men out of the 13 selected from volunteers for the first raid in No Man's Land were from C Co. Keefe he said was the wild Indian of the Company, but was already to go into No Man's Land and complained when he was not allowed to do so. He told of the capture of Holtz, Doherty and Muldoon and how glad he was to read recently that they had arrived in France from a German prison. He described how the boys were "de-loused" and the process of "weeding the shirt." Lieut Edmunds, who had been transferred to Co. E of the 102nd regiment, he said, was a brave soldier, out in front all the time just a little bit ahead of everyone else, and had fully earned his recent promotion.

About this time, the captain added I was assigned to the headquarters company and I began to get Company C men into it until I was asked if I was trying to make it a C company outfit. At another time I saw Lieut. Driscoll, Eddie Cannon, Gilman, Sullivan and others back of the lines working their heads off practicing a raid. Later when I saw this same body of troops I never saw a madder bunch in my life when they had learned that they were not going in after all. We have been accused of being fathers to our men, he said; well, they might accuse us of lots worse things than that. I am proud of those men and only wish that they were all here with me tonight, every one of them. I am happy to be here myself tonight but I would be still happier if I had that company over there in the rear of the drill hall with Leo Taffe, the best sergeant ever, calling the roll.

The National anthem, sung to the accompaniment of the band, brought the evening to a close.

DEVIEN

Capt. Henry D. Cormerais, U. S. A., attached to the staff of Maj.-Gen. Edwards, was discharged from the United States service last week. He will enter business in this city. Capt. Cormerais joined the 5th Massachusetts infantry in 1896. At the outbreak of the great war he was in command of the Newton company of the regiment (C), went to Framingham when the regiment was mobilized and remained with it until his company of the regimen (C), went to France overseas with this command, and was severely wounded, losing a part of his hand and receiving severe wounds in his legs. Following recovery, he was attached to the staff of Gen. Edwards, in command of the 26th division, remained with him up to the time of his resignation and discharge.

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WEST NEWTON ARMORY

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1918, AT 8 P.M.

RESERVED SEAT

CAPTAIN COMERAIS LEAVES

Newton Officer Terminates Duties at Army Headquarters to Return to Private Life

Henry D. Cormerais, who has been serving at the headquarters of the Department of the Northeast as personal aide to General Edwards, terminated his connection with the Army today in order to resume business in private life. Captain Cormerais applied for his discharge some time ago but remained on duty at the request of General Edwards. He was today the recipient of a gold cigarette case, a present from Mrs. Edwards, the wife of the general, as an acknowledgment of Captain Cormerais's courtesy to her.

Captain Cormerais entered the service as commander of the Newton company in the Fifth Massachusetts Infantry, which subsequently became the 101st. After his arrival in France he served as zone major from Oct. 1, 1917, to the end of the year. He then returned to his regiment and took command of the headquarters company. Captain Cormerais was wounded June 16, 1918, at Bernecourt. Before the war he was in the public warehouse business in Allston, and will resume that occupation.

Another change at Army headquarters is the return of Captain Walter A. Hallstrom to his former rank of Army field clerk. Captain Hallstrom has been nineteen years in the service. He accepted a commission at the beginning of the war under an arrangement providing for his return to his former status.

Col. Harry D. Cormerais of the Allston Storage Warehouse is completing his third week of duty at Camp Devens. Always a busy man, he has found lots to do at Camp, and his real vacation will probably begin next week, when he returns to his office and warehouse in this district. During his absence, his interests have been looked after by John Quinn, who accompanied him to the Mexican Border a few years ago. "Quinny," by the way, who moved to Roxbury a few months ago, is returning to Allston next month, having taken an apartment in the Allen block, at the corner of Linden and Cambridge streets.

Saint Rest, of which Capt. H.D.C. is keeper of the wicket. I candidly think Bum's Retreat is more to the point.

My dear Mrs. Cormerais:

Why did you ever marry a man with a name one has to look up before he can spell it? Well lets go as the boys say. Here we are at the front but as cozily set as if we were back at Framingham. Fr.O'Connor and H.D.C. and I occupy the same hole in the ground which by exact measurements is 8 feet wide and 25 feet long and while H.D.C. crawls into a bag made out of a comforter and then doubles up he dont take up so much room even if Fr.O'C is a bit longer than the average I still have plenty for myself. You would laugh if you could see us I know but that is the fun of it the folks at home dont know. Really we are quite comfortable in our hole 30 or 40 feet under ground cold and damp of course and a rat now and then. The other night the Capt. made me get up or rather I got up to see what he was up to and it has not been the first time I been up on his account, thinking he was cast, and he said boss just hand me that stick I think there is a rat in here. Being in the far corner I gave him the stick but expected to see Fr. get a swipe before morning. And he talks too in his sleep a habit I am trying to break him of before he returns home. here is really nothing much to write as I know you hear all the news from him. Regarding the Christmas boxes I couldnt have received them all but what did come thru I sent to the company along with the jellies. Some of that came in pretty good shape. Much of it was busted All that was received by the regiment for CoC boys they got. I wrote as you urged me to do to Mrs. S regarding Mrs. Barr and Col. S but from her reply I could not make much out of the affair. It is a pity that a t a time like this people cant get over their desires to shine and to boss etc and work for the good of all. But human nature is the same inwar time as in other and I suppose it will always be so.

This is a great game and one must see it for himself to really appreciate the horror of it all. How we fellows pat ourselves on the back that we got while the getting was good otherwise we would be down south with the remnants eating our hearts out. After all it has proved to be a splendid thing in uniting the 2 old regiments. Of course there were heart aches but now all that old feeling of rivalry bettween the old 9th and 5th has disappeared and a happier bunch you never saw. We all think Colonel Logan is a white man, absolutely fair and impartial. And in this particular respect I think we are far better than had we remained with----- How the Capt. and I infact every officer want the oppoutunity to tell him a thing or two when the time comes. You know he copped my truck and other equipment.

Well I will do the best to take care of the boy but I dont want to be held responsible for his conduct and morals unless I can go to Paris with him. You will be pleased to know I baptised him with nearly 100 of the boys of the regiment. We are all well and enjoying ourselves if one can find enjoyment in war. While we are in the line it is really very quiet so have no fears and anxieties. The boss as Fr. and I call him has just come in from a trip to a neighboring city where he went with Fr. O'C and I suspect from the way he is dumping out souviners and truck from his pockets he has come back broke. Of course you wouldnt disclose my suspicions for it would be a pity, over so trivial a matter as squandering ones substance to disturb the peace and harmony which prevails in Saints Rest except when The boss gets cast in that bag at night.

I am glad mother wrote to you for she knew no one who was in just the situation as she was. I mean that had a renegade boy in France. She wrotr me she had heard from you and your letter really did her a lot of good.

Mother Woodfin is calling us to mess so will close with kindest regards one of the saints.
Censored by Lyman Rollins Chaplain 101st U.S. Inf.





